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Mr. J. Merle Davis, secretary of the Department of Social and Industrial Research of the International Missionary Council will speak on "The Church in the Far East."

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4 For. Y. lect. Mr. L. V. Arnoldov, 8.30
4 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
5 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
6 Theosophical Soc., Open Meeting, 153 Nanking Rd., Public Invited, 6
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7 Week of Prayer, B'Well Chapel, 5.30
7 Shal. Reel Club ann. gen. mtg. and 1st practice, B.F. recreation centre, 8.30
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12 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
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14 For. Y. Next evening of music, 8.30
14 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
15 A.D.C. Tovarich, Lyceum
18 For. Y. lect. Chap. F. R. Hamilton, 8.30
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Directors have this day declared a second Interim Dividend for the year ending March 31, 1938, at the rate of Five Cents Local Currency per share to be paid to Shareholders on record on Friday, January 7, 1938.

Shareholders are requested to notify the General Managers promptly of any change of address that may have taken place since the last dividend.

Dividend Warrants for Chinese Shareholders will be retained in our Office and may be had on application at any time during ordinary office hours.

The Transfer Books and Share Register of the Company will be closed from January 3 to January 7, 1938, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
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General Managers
Shanghai, December 20, 1937.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. R. BURKILL & SONS, LTD.
Secretaries and General Managers.
Shanghai, December 20, 1937.

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TO OUR OUTPORT SUBSCRIBERS

On account of the prevailing conditions and the consequent derangement of Postal Deliveries we are, in many instances, suspending the forwarding of our issues to subscribers up-country. This is being done when it is obvious that there is little or no likelihood of the paper reaching its destination or in cases where covers are being returned to us marked "Addressee Left."

In such instances the period of non-forwarding will be added to the unexpired portion of the contract.

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LISTENING-IN

Foreign Broadcast Programme

To the Editor of the
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SIR,—I read with envious eyes the daily list of Short Wave Programmes you publish in the "North-China Daily News," but, alas, I never hear them; and the same experience, sad to say, is that of a friend.

We both have modern, well-known radio sets and aerials; one of us lives in Frenchtown and the other near Edinburgh Road. There are no local disturbances, so we are told, that should affect reception; but except occasionally in the early evening, say between 5 and 6, neither patience nor perseverance produces more than distorted or distant echoes of music and pearls of speech.

Like everyone else, we imagine, we are principally interested in picking up foreign news hot from the European frying-pan: what B for Berlin's opinion is about T for Tokyo, and why. But nothing doing, we can't even pick up the old stand-by about the depression in Greenland.

We cannot think that even these Abridged Programmes would be printed so religiously unless some of them fell on good ground—but do they? Maybe other listeners are more fortunate; but if so let us hear from them.

And lest we be accused of little faith or undue expectations, let us say how we enjoy the "North-China Daily News" broadcasts at lunch and dinner time. These are well selected, excellently deliverd and for all we know trustworthy. Perhaps a suggestion may not be amiss. As the "North-China," no doubt, gets the Weather Probability Report for the next day in time to broadcast it at night, why not do so? It can't always be wrong. And why is vocal America so silent on the air? We should welcome her at times even with the usual tooth-paste obligato.

SEARCHER.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

***Without attempting to explain why SEARCHER and his friend cannot get good reception from abroad, there are many cases where good reception is obtained regularly.

B.B.C. Blockaded

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—For some time past I have experienced a considerable amount of interference in my reception of the B.B.C. Empire Programmes on the nineteen metre wave-band. Friends of mine who possess short-wave sets have also experienced similar interference and rumour has it that a Japanese radio station is responsible for this "blockade," which, strangely enough, is particularly noticeable shortly before the London news broadcast.

The B.B.C. is aware of this interference and in response to complaints from the Far East are now radiating on two frequencies in the nineteen metre wave-band, but, unfortunately, both frequencies are subject to the same interference as they are but a fractional part of a megacycle apart.

It has occurred to me that official notice should be taken of this interference and if Japan is the party responsible, a protest should be lodged through the correct channels—should satisfaction be unobtainable I suggest that retaliation could be obtained by washing out, in a similar manner, the Japanese news broadcasts.

Q. R. M.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

LOST SETTER

An Appeal to Dog Owners

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Through the medium of your columns I am hoping to draw the attention of the owner who has lost a setter. I was told by a resident in the Park Apartments, Rue Lafayette, that a setter had been seen in that vicinity, looking for its owner. It was in such a sorry plight, only skin and bones, that that resident gave it some food, which it just devoured. A few days later it was again seen in that vicinity, still in search of its owner.

This has also been noticed by many, that several Chinese of the beggar type have been seen leading foreign-owned dogs.

Cannot owners of dogs be appealed to be specially careful of their dogs, and particularly at a time when these Chinese can ill afford anything for their own sustenance, so that the fate of those poor dogs can be well imagined.

FOR THE HELPLESS.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

HORSEMEN!

Information Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Will any of your numerous readers be good enough to describe how the perfect hoof of a horse looks.

YOUNG HORSEMAN.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

***It is somewhat difficult to describe the appearance of the perfect hoof of a horse, but, if YOUNG HORSEMAN will examine the end of a horse's leg furthest from the body, he should be able to form a fair idea.

RUMMY

Rules of Game Wanted

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—I wonder if any of your readers can inform me if the name "Rummy" is a slang name for another card game, or if not, where the rules of "Rummy" can be found.

I have consulted many books of reference and have not yet been able to find the game of "Rummy" mentioned.

MAMBA.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

"CHRISTMAS GIFT"

Thanks from Yangtszepoo

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Having access to my residence in Yangtzepoo I found it looted, furniture destroyed and valuables stolen. I do not find where the Xmas Gift comes in, were I the donor I would be ashamed to use such words. Having lived all these years, I have never heard of or received such gifts. Considering it's our own property and what is left of it has absolutely no value, civilians have suffered, and to a great extent, I thank the donor for the wonderful gift.

M. W.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

COAL DUST

What Can Be Done with It?

To the Editor of the
"NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS"

SIR,—Will any of your readers kindly let me know what can be done with an accumulation of coal dust from ordinary household coal? I have several baskets which it seems to be a pity to waste in these days of high prices, but which I do not know how to use up. I have the ordinary open grates in the living rooms and a kitchen stove of the usual pattern.

ECONOMIST.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.

***EXCELSIOR, before your letter can be published, it must be authenticated by your name and address, according to the long established rule of this journal.

SHORT WAVE RADIO

To-day's Broadcasts

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Berlin, Germany.—*13.05 to 24.00*, 31.38m; 19.74m; 16.89m; 31.45m; 19.68m.

Rome, Italy.—*19.43 to 21.20 and 22.00* to 23.30, 25.4m.

Australia.—*10.45 to 21.30*, 31.34m.

Paris, France.—*15.00 to 18.00*, 25.24m; 18.00 to 24.00, 19.86m; 00.15 to 7.00. *25.34; 7.15 to 14.00*, 26.60m.

Manila, P.I.—*6.30 to 9.00 and 19.00 to 23.00*, 25.38m; 31.35m. Sundays, *18.00 to 24.00*.

Tokyo, Japan.—*21.00 to 22.00*, 25.42m; 19.79m.

Abridged Programmes

The letters in parenthesis indicate from which of the above stations the broadcast is made.

13.10 Merry music (B)
14.00 News in German (B)
15.00 News (B), (P)
15.30 "Looking into the Crystal" (B)
15.45 Chimes, organ music, choirs (B)
16.15 Organ music (D)
16.30 Popular music (A)
16.40 "World Affairs" (D)
16.45 "The Family Tree" (B)
16.55 Empire Xmas Party (D)
17.00 Chamber music (B), News in French (P), Talk (A)
17.20 News (A)
17.30 News (P), in German (B)
17.35 News (D)
17.40 News in Italian (P)
17.45 Press review (B)
17.55 "Contraband" (D)
18.00 Concert hour (B), National Military Band (A)
18.45 Schumann's chamber music, 1 (D)
19.00 Concert (B), (P), (A)
19.15 "The Year's Poetry" (D)
19.30 Paino recital (A)
19.35 Cinema orchestra (D)
19.43 Varied, till 21.20 (E)
19.50 Choral fantasia (A)
20.00 News (B), (P)
20.15 "Pepys" (D)
20.30 News (A), "Music in the Morning" (D)
21.00 "World Affairs" (D), News in German (B)
21.15 "The Old Year" (B), Arthur Dulay Quintet (D)
21.30 News (D), in French (P)
22.00 News (B), Varied, till 23.30 (R)
22.15 Leonardi's Orchestra (D)
22.30 Concert (P), Opera (B)
23.50 "Contraband" (D)
23.20 BBC Male-Voice Chorus (D)
23.45 Press review (B)
24.00 News (D)
00.20 "Matters of Moment" (D)
00.35 Cello recital (D)

THE Yu Feng Cotton Yarn Mill in Chengchow, the sole remaining Chinese factory of this type in North China, has announced suspension of its operations, says a report to the "Sin Wen Pao."

U.S. TO BUY MEXICAN SILVER IN JANUARY

President May Not Issue His Awaited Silver Statement

Washington, Dec. 27.

The United States has tentatively agreed to continue the purchase of Mexican silver through January, 1938, at a price of approximately 44 cents per ounce, usually reliable sources said here to-day.

Sr. Eduardo Saurez, Mexico's Finance Minister, will remain here until after January 1 to continue his discussions with the Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

Despite the assumption long held here, that President Roosevelt would fix the silver price in another proclamation before the end of the year, Mr. Stephen Early, the President's Secretary, said to-day that he "would not necessarily expect a proclamation."—United Press.

HIGH DEATH TOLL IN U.S. OVER HOLIDAYS

New York, Dec. 27.

Latest figures on Christmas holiday casualties to-day placed the number of violent deaths at 561. Traffic accidents took 71 lives. Officials of the National Safety Council termed the death toll as "discouraging." They feared the death list would reach 1,000 upon tabulation of returns from rural isolated spots.—United Press.

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U.S.S. PANAY FILMS ABOARD CLIPPER

Chain of Precaution Taken to Safeguard Passage

Honolulu, Dec. 27.

The Pan-American Airways China Clipper left here at 1.24 p.m. to-day with Mr. Norman Alley, Universal News cameraman, and his "Bombardment of the U.S.S. Panay" films aboard.

The clipper was to reach Alameda, California, to-morrow, where it will be met by U.S. Secret Service operatives detailed to protect Mr. Alley and his films.

An armoured truck will then take them to Oakland where they will board a plane chartered by the U.S. Government to transport the films to Washington.—United Press.

MARKET PRICES

The following prices are the maximum for best cut or grade obtainable in Central and Western Markets on December 21, 1937. Prices are quoted per lb. in Shanghai dollar-cents unless otherwise stated.

BUTCHER'S MEAT

Beef	75-80	Veal	70-1.30
Pork	25-35	Goat	45-75

FISH

Conger Eel	20-25	Soles	25-30
S'hai Cod	40	Ribbon Fish	15
Ningpo Cod	35-40	Shrimps	80
Prawns	70	Carp	30
Mackerel	40	Mandarin	50
Whitebait	25	Whiting	30
Yellow Fish	20-25	Pomfret	35

POULTRY, GAME AND EGGS

Pigeon	30	Fowl	45-50
Duck	1.50	Pheasant	1.40
Duck eggs	50	Quail	25
Hare, ea.	80	Turkey	50
Eggs doz.	40-72	Woodcock, ea.	50

VEGETABLES

B'boo shoots	30	Young Carrots	5
Beans, French	40	Lettuce	30
Beetroot	35	Onions	10
Big grn. marrow	15	Onions, small	15
Cucumber	20	Onions, spr.	8
Ch.Celery bunch	12	Parsnips	25
Cabbage	10	Pumpkin	8
Carrots bunch	15	Potatoes	10
Chilies	30	Potatoes, sweet	8
Egg-plant	25	Potatoes, new	12
Endive, each	20	Red Cabbage ea.	80
Garlic	15	Spinach	12
Ginger	15	Tomatoes	60
Green Pepper	40	Turnips	12
Horse radish	30	Radish, bunch	6
Leeks, bunch	12	Fresh beans	40
Cauliflower	60-80	Kohlrabi	15

FRUIT

Siam Pumelo	20-25	Tientsin pears	25
Chefoo apple	15-20	Chi. Orange	12-15
M. Oranges	12-15	Peking Pear	20
S'two Banana	15	Pineapple each	10

GRAIN AND FLOUR

Aus.	49lb. 8.00	Rice 8½ per 1 catty	
Can. Flour	49lb. 9.50	U.S. Flour	49lb. 9.50
Flour S'hai	50lb. 4.45		

MILK

Grade 'A' T.T.	38	cents per pint.
Grade 'A'	34-40	cents per pint.
Grade 'B'	20-25	cents per pint.

FODDER

Bran	114lb.	3.50

FUEL

Best Anthracite (metric tons)	50
No. 1 House Coal	32
No. 1 Kitchen Coal	30

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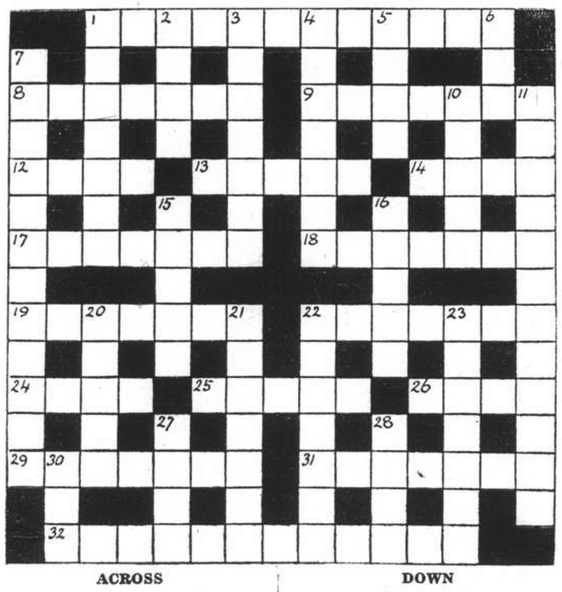

ACROSS

1 A striking weapon of old suggests there is a strike of some of the employés
8 Musical instrument
9 This port makes a net warp
12 A part of this part of a tree is enough to cover one's head
13 "Love looks not with the eyes but with the mind; and therefore is wing'd——painted blind" ("Midsummer Night's Dream")
14 A measure of speed
17 Describes a freezing man whom you thaw by your fire only to be robbed by him
18 Decorate
19 No, this painter may not be of the apparent material
22 Character in the Tempest
24 Book of the O.T.
25 An idiotic sort of fellow to start a car
26 Has this make of car a commanding appearance?
29 Horizon
31 "No gears" (anag.)
32 But for all that describing the slice of cake the greedy boy chooses

DOWN

1 Tremulous as a royalty
2 Related in the last clue
3 Slander
4 What town are you engaged in at this moment?
5 Sums for little children?
6 Tree
7 Does this lady of letters advise girl pupils about getting jobs?
10 What the person with nothing to do may suffer from
11 Game that is not popular with bad sailors
15 This saw has caused the death of many
16 A fairy part-song
20 Verbose
21 This "something on account" is serious
22 Does one have this sort of table to comfort one?
23 Poet Laureate who prevented many from using fords
27 Part of 29 across
28 Vessel that with 27 down makes an unguent
30 This is common knowledge in Scotland

INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Many Millions of Acres Benefitted

OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO POPULATION

Irrigation, without which one of the crops would fail and hundreds of thousands of people would be reduced to starvation in India, is to be surveyed as a whole in order to calculate its numerous indirect benefits to this country.

It is seldom realized abroad—it is even little known in India itself—that the acreage irrigated in India exceeds the combined total of that in the six countries which stand next to her in the list of the world's largest irrigation countries, including the United States. This acreage, traversed by some 79,000 miles of Government channels alone, has now reached the colossal figure of 40,000,000 and provides direct employment for not less than 50,000,000 people or at least one seventh of the country's population.

It is not in irrigated area alone that India leads the way. Her irrigation projects are among the largest in the world in many respects. Much has been heard recently of the vastness of the Sukkur Barrage system, one of the largest, if not the largest, ever undertaken by man, commanding an area one and a half times that of Palestine. This, however, though justly famous, is only one of several schemes of almost equal magnitude—to say nothing of hundreds of smaller ones—to be found in India.

Large Punjab Scheme

In fact, there is at least one scheme, the Lower Chenab Canal in the Punjab, which, on the basis of the figures for 1934-35, the latest available, actually irrigated nearly two and one-third million acres, or about 440,000 acres more than the area actually irrigated by the Sukkur Barrage canals in the same period. There were six other schemes each of which watered over 1,000,000 acres that year and several which closely approached that figure. The Sutlej Valley project alone, which is among the great schemes just mentioned, serves an area exceeding the total artable acreage in Egypt and the Sudan. The Sarda Canal in the United Provinces commands an area equal to that acreage.

In length of waterways many Indian schemes are remarkable. Here the Sukkur Barrage system leads with its 6,500 miles of main canals, branches, distributaries and minors; but the Cauvery Delta system is only 1,100 miles shorter, while four other systems total over 3,000 miles each.

India also has many gigantic dams. The Lloyd dam at Bhatgarh in the Bombay Presidency contains 21,500,000 cubic feet of masonry, and in this respect surpasses the famous dam at Assouan in Egypt. Though about 2,000 feet shorter than the latter, the Lloyd dam is 70 feet higher than it. There is also the Wilson dam at Bhandardara, another work in the Bombay Presidency which, though not quite one mile long, towers up for 270 feet and is one of the highest dams in the world. For length, however, pride of place must be given to the Nizam-Sagara dam in the Hyderabad State, and for cubical content to the Mettur dam in Madras. The former is just under 16,000 feet (or three miles) long, and the bulk of the latter is nearly 54,700,000 cubic feet.

Famous Solani Aqueduct

Many of these huge works have remarkable features. For example, there is the great Ganges Canal in the United Provinces with a total waterway of over 4,000 miles, a flow capacity of 8,000 cubic feet per second and a gross command of nearly 5,500,000 acres. It passes over and under a very large number of torrests, rivers and other channels, and embodies the famous Solani aqueduct, one of the finest engineering feats of its kind in the world.

For novelty the Periyar dam in the Madras Presidency is unique. Built under great difficulties in a narrow gorge 3,000 feet up in the Western Ghats, it has diverted a river eastward from the Indian Ocean into the Bay of Bengal by means of a tunnel over a mile long, or about five times the entire length of London Bridge, bored through solid rock.

Equally remarkable are the headworks of the Cauvery Delta system, comprising four weirs of a total length of 2¼ miles and nearly 1½ miles of embankment.

Money Well Spent

As may be imagined, the cost of these works has not been light, in spite of the cheapness of Indian labour. The total capital outlay up to date is in the neighbourhood of 150 crores of rupees or roughly £100 millions at the official rate of exchange. This money, however, has been well spent, for the value of the crops raised with the assistance of irrigation is in the vicinity of Rupees 100 crores or £67 millions annually. The gross revenue amounts to about Rupees thirteen crores or £8,660,000, the working expenses to Rupees five crores or £3.1/3 millions, and the net revenue, therefore, to Rupees eight crores or £5.1/3 millions. This represents a return of about 5½ per cent., which is a remarkable figure considering that a large proportion of the projects constitute what are known as "protection works," that is, schemes designed to protect tracts against famine, not necessarily to yield profits.

Up to the present the financial requirements of new schemes has been that they shall pay 6 per cent. The Central Board of Irrigation has launched a survey to estimate the gross value of irrigation schemes in the way of revenue from all sources, for such schemes mean not only an increase of land revenue and water rates, but also enhancement in railway, postal and customs receipts, to mention only the more obvious "subsidiaries." The object in view is to obtain more generous advances for new projects than is possible under the present restrictive practice.

British Authority Responsible

Some idea of the advance made during British administration may be gleaned from the following figures. Before the advent of British authority in India, when little had been done in the way of large irrigation works, the area under irrigated cultivation could not have exceeded a couple of million acres or so, though accurate information is not forthcoming. This had risen to 10,500,000 acres in 1878-79 and to 19¼ million acres by the beginning of the present century. Thirty years later it stood at thirty-one point seven millions, the highest reached so far. These figures exclude cultivation in Indian States, and moreover relate only to areas irrigated by Government canals. There are large tracts irrigated both by Government and private tanks and wells, which cannot be overlooked and swell the total further. In 1934-35 the area under well irrigation was approximately twelve point six million acres. It may be realized, therefore, that the figures given are of a most conservative if approximate nature.

Sixty Years Ago

FROM THE "NORTH-CHINA DAILY NEWS," OF DECEMBER 29, 1877

I begin to think that the French "coppers" now so extremely circulated must come from the churches. A parson friend of mine showed me the contents of his collection-bags the other day. Among a ruck of sixpences, threepenny-bits, and pence, we lighted on the following coins of foreign extraction—13 French sous, 2 Belgian sous, 3 German kreutzers, a Swiss franc, an Italian lira, a whist counter, and, I grieve to say, 3 trouser buttons. And these in a small but not, it would seem, wholly righteous congregation. The collection, however, it is only fair to state, was for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts.

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11 GREY GRIFFIN N/64, 13-1, aged, "Y" Class.
12 BROWN GRIFFIN N/65, 13-0, aged, "Y" Class.
13 DUN GRIFFIN N/66, 13-0, aged, "Y" Class.
14 DUN GRIFFIN N/67, 13-2, 7 yrs. old, "Y" Class.
15 GREY GRIFFIN N/68, 13-0, aged, "Y" Class.
16 GREY GRIFFIN N/69. 13-0, 7 yrs. old, "Y" Class.
17 BAY GRIFFIN N/70, 13-0, aged, "Y" Class.
18 BAY GRIFFIN N/71, 13-1, aged, "Y" Class.
19 BROWN GRIFFIN N/72, 13-0, aged, "Y" Class.
20 GREY GRIFFIN N/73, 13-1, aged, "Y" Class.
21 BROWN GRIFFIN J/176, 13-2, 6 yrs. old, "Z" Class, sound and in good condition.
22 DUN GRIFFIN N/17, 13-2, aged, "Y" Class.
23 THE GANDER Dun 13-1, J/38, S.R.C. 1937 griffin, winner and placed.
24 GREY GRIFFIN N/3, 13-2, aged, "Y" Class, unstarted.
25 LEGAL TENDER Grey 13-1, G/458, C.J.C. 1936 Sub-griffin, winner and placed many times. Entered for all New Year's Meetings.
26 DIABLERET Grey 13-0, J/155, S.R.C. 1937 griffin, started, Still a maiden.
27 DUKE OF NORFOLK Grey 13-1, F/582, I.R.C. 1935 griffin, winner and placed many times.
28 PRINCE OF PESSIMISTS Dun 13-0, F/243, S.R.C. 1935 griffin, winner and placed. Entered in January 3, 1938, Race Meeting.
29 JOHN HAIG Grey 13-2, G/34, Griffin of 1937, started.
30 GREY GRIFFIN N/51, 13-0, 7 yrs. old, "Y" Class.
31 STORMYLIGHT Grey 13-1, F/1079, I.R.C. 1936 griffin, a winner and placed several times, Believed sound.
32 LOVAT SCOUT Dun 13-2, P/4, I.R.C. 1934 Griffin. A winner and placed twice. Believed sound.
33 BLACKMAIL Grey 13-1, J/36, S.R.C. Sub-griffin of 1937. Strong heavy weight pony, Fast, has been placed several times.
34 MERRY ISIDRO Grey 13-0, P/1123, Played polo this season, Has been placed 2nd in The Gymkhana jumping.
35 BARBARY COAST Grey 13-2, G/498, C.J.C. 1936 Sub-griffin, winner and placed.
36 KNOCK KNOCK Bay 13-0, J/106, S.R.C. 1937 Sub-griffin, has been placed sound.

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CONDITIONS WORSE IN TSINGTAO

Thousands Desert City and Business at a Standstill

MEANWHILE WARSHIPS READY TO RELIEVE

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Tsingtao, Dec. 20.

Curfew last night was extended to 10 p.m. but to-night it has been advanced to 6 p.m. Very cold weather prevails. The populace is panic stricken and thousands are fleeing into the interior by every and any means; those unable to get transport are walking. Japanese planes on reconnoitring trips visit the mill districts two or three times a day, thus increasing the general fear of reprisals. These planes are apparently from warships outside Tsingtao and a few residents claim they have seen four or five of these ships with the aid of field glasses.

Those unable to leave here, fear for their lives. Due to widespread rumours, tenants of Japanese-owned houses and those residing near them are moving out as fast as they possibly can, in anticipation of these buildings being burned down. Shops are closed, the native banks have closed temporarily, but the foreign banks are functioning as usual. Coal dealers are demanding $5 per ton for delivery, as cart and wheelbarrow coolies are at a premium.

A number of Japanese shops have been looted and it is quite probable that there will be more looting as there are numerous cold, hungry and destitute people who would be only too glad to get a little something for nothing. It is, however, to the credit of the local Administration that during the past four months they have "kept faith" with the evacuated Japanese, and managed to prevent depredations into their property and but for the continued destructive programme of their naval and military forces elsewhere in China, their property might still have remained intact in Tsingtao. The plant of a Japanese company manufacturing rubber goods was fired this morning and a match factory was also burnt.

No Comment from Japan

As no comments regarding these Tsingtao incidents have come over the radio from Japan as yet, it would appear as though the authorities do not consider this serious loss of their cotton mills, good for general home and outside consumption—these cotton mill interests in Tsingtao aggregate about $200,000,000. The handling of cargo to and from ships is not possible now, due as mentioned previously to the wharves being incapacitated as a result of the booms placed in the inner harbour, consequently there will be fewer vessels calling here.

The Yee Tsoong Tobacco Co., is at present the haven of refuge for about 5,000 of their factory hands and families, who are being fed and housed by the company until conditions improve in this terrified city. Admiral Shen, the Mayor, is still here in charge of a very difficult situation.

The Consular Body has met and decided on what course of action to take in the event of further developments and the foreign warships here at the moment are H.M.S. Suffolk (10,000 ton cruiser), U.S.S. Pope (destroyer), U.S.S. Sacramento (despatch ship) with the U.S.S. Marblehead (8,000 ton cruiser) on the way from Shanghai.

By Wednesday 22, all foreign schools here will be closed for the Christmas holidays.

Having been informed that looting of Japanese shops was progressing in various parts of the city, Admiral Shen made a personal tour of inspection and immediately issued orders for any persons found looting to be summarily shot. As a consequence, the police and Paoantui shot several persons found helping themselves in Japanese premises and arrested a large number. By this firm and prompt handling of a potentially dangerous situation, which might have spread throughout the city, the Mayor has prevented the whole affair, commencing with the firing of the cotton mills, from deteriorating into a wholesale pillage.

Squads of heavily armed police, marines and Paoantui are patrolling the streets and it seems that the local authorities have no desire to involve the personal property of former Japanese residents. Curfew is from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. Last night a large godown, situated near the Small Harbour and owned by the Santo Kigyo Company, was fired. Japanese planes were quiet to-day, but the whole city looks very deserted.

Prices of Food Increased

Prices of all foodstuffs have skyrocketed as the markets are to all intents and purposes closed to business with stallholders having fled. All those able to do so are stocking up a supply in case of a shortage.

The U.S.S. Marblehead arrived this morning and it is understood that American residents have been advised to leave if possible and a number of ladies have already booked for Shanghai.

The release of over 600 minor criminals from the local gaols about a week ago, due to the critical conditions here, did not tend towards the peace of mind of local citizens. Though the men were transported to the outskirts of the city and told to keep going it is not likely that they will as the very cold weather and inducement of loot will probably bring not a few of them back.

Catholic Sisters are feeding and housing hundreds of women refugees and children in their schools, which fortunately have broken up for the Christmas holidays. So far the damage to Japanese property has been limited to those places mentioned in these letters and the broad statement heard over the radio that "all Japanese properties have been burned or pillaged," is incorrect. The query everywhere heard, is "what's going to happen and when are the Japanese coming and how?"

The official Boy Scouts' Weekly News Bulletin has denied "a rumour which has been in circulation since the world jamboree," that the 80-years-old Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell, "has been feeling the strain of life, and that he intends to retire from scouting activities." "There is absolutely no foundation for this rumour," adds the bulletin. "The Chief Scout is in excellent health, and has a long list of Scouting engagements before him. This winter he hopes to visit South Africa and Rhodesia, and in 1939 hopes to be present at a big jamboree in Australia, and another in the West Indies, and at the World Rover Scout Meet to be held in Scotland in the summer of that year."

"B.-P" OFF ON AFRICAN TRIP AT 80

Lord Baden-Powell, the Chief Scout, chatting to the engine driver before leaving St. Pancras London, to join the Union Castle liner Llandaff Castle at Tilbury. He is in his 81st year and is to make a tour of South Africa. He has been travelling in all parts of the world now for 60 years and says his bag is always packed.

Australian Letter

ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE TALKS

Australian Reaction Favourable: New Ministry's Big Programme: Tasmania Pioneers

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Mel. Nov. 26.

The announcement that Great Britain and the United States will shortly negotiate a new trade treaty has been received in Australia more favourably than would have seemed possible last year. There is a general appreciation of the advantages of closer co-operation between the Empire and the United States, both in the economic and political spheres, and the application of the last Government's trade diversion policy to the United States was regarded as a regrettable necessity.

The Australian Government has repeatedly declared its readiness to enter into new negotiations with the United States, and would undoubtedly offer material concessions in return for a reduction of the high American tariff on Australian wool and other primary products.

On the other hand, any serious curtailment of Australian exports to Great Britain involved in the projected treaty with the United States would be firmly opposed. The Ottawa Agreement, however, can only be varied by mutual consent, and it is understood that Australian delegates to the Imperial Conference were assured that their interests would not be sacrified in any readjustment of Anglo-American trade.

A prompt statement to this effect by the Prime Minister, Mr. Lyons, seems to have alleyed any suspicions that the new trade treaty involved a threat to the Ottawa system of Imperial preference and, while the complexity of the problem may necessitate prolonged negotiations, Australia seems unlikely to raise any serious difficulties. Meanwhile, an official statement that projected action to counter unfair competition by American shipping in the Pacific has been postponed indicates a willingness to contribute to the success of the negotiations.

Cabinet Problems

There has been rather more than usual delay in the formation of the new Federal Ministry. In the recent elections three ministers lost their seats, and several other former ministers may not be available in the reconstruction of the Cabinet. The defeated ministers are; the Minister for External Affairs, Senator Sir George Pearce; the Minister for Defence, Sir Archdale Parkhill and the Assistant Minister for Commerce, Senator Brennan.

The Postmaster-General, Senator McLachlan, who unexpectedly retained his seat only after the final preference votes had been distributed, is expected to surrender his portfolio to a member of the Country Party. The Minister for the Interior, Mr. Paterson, has been in ill health and is almost certain to retire.

The reconstruction necessitated by these vacancies has been complicated by the claims of the Country Party to stronger representation in the new Cabinet. With its dependence on Country Party support increased by its loss of seats in the election the United Australia Party finds it difficult to deny these claims. Consultations on the matter between the Prime Minister, Mr. Lyons, and the Leader of the Country Party, Dr. Page, have been cordial but protracted, and it is expected that the new Ministry will include six members of the Country Party, with three full portfolios.

Ambitious Programme

A curious development is that the influential section of the Press that supports the Government is foremost in urging the fulfilment of election promises. Three years ago Mr. Lyons was elected on the strength of a number of promised reforms, which the last Government side-tracked into enquiries by various Royal Commissions. With his mandate renewed, Mr. Lyons is now being invited by his own supporters to get to work.

The most important of these reforms concern the adoption of the recommendations of the Banking Commission and the introduction of a scheme of National Insurance. The Banking Commission advised a number of changes to strengthen the control of the Commonwealth Bank over the whole financial and monetary system, and, while this is assured of public approval, it is viewed with suspicion by the powerful private banks, who naturally dislike the idea of their privileges being curtailed. As these banks have been strong supporters of the Government, Mr. Lyons is rather embarrassed by the obligation of adopting the recommendations of the Commission which he appointed.

National Insurance Problems

National insurance is an equally delicate problem. The Government wishes to introduce a contributory system, white the Labour Party maintains that provision for unemployment should be a charge on ordinary taxation. Several years ago the Government invited a committee of experts from England to advise on a scheme suited to Australian conditions, but has done nothing since.

A proposal that the experts should be invited to make a further survey provoked a retort from the Press that there was nothing more to be learned about the matter, and that it was time for the Government to act. Under the circumstances Mr. Lyons has no alternative but to honour his obligations, and proceed with the scheme without undue delay.

In addition to dealing with bank reform and national insurance the Government has an ambitious programme of defence expansion to finance, and large internal loan conversions fall due this year. Defence expansion has been proceeding rapidly for several years, but is now being accelerated. Ships are being modernized and new ships will be added to the Australian squadron in the near future. The strength of the Air Force will be doubled in the next year, and the army is being extensively mechanized.

Special orders for munitions have been given to private firms to test their efficiency and adaptability in time of emergency and Government arsenals are being developed to meet the requirements of the expanded services.

Shorter Working Hours

In reply to a deputation representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Tasmanian Premier, Mr. Ogilvie, has announced that he will immediately introduce legislation to shorten working hours in retail shops. Last year a similar proposal by the Government was frustrated by the opposition of trading interests, who, however, have now taken the initiative in asking the Government to proceed with the scheme. It is understood that the bill will prohibit trading on Saturdays by all retail establishments carrying stock in excess of £500, but certain shops carrying perishable goods will be exempt from the restrictions.

This experiment may have far-reaching effects. In other States there is a feeling that shorter working hours may be desirable to counter unemployment due to the progressive mechanization of industry, but there is uncertainty regarding the effect on costs and consumer prices. If the Tasmanian experiment succeeds, this uncertainty will probably disappear, paving the way for shorter hours in other industries, and in other States.

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FROM A CORRESPONDENT

(Delayed in Transit)

Szechuen, Nov. 20.

Some of the 65,000,000 people in this large province are beginning to realize Nippon's desire to localize her many incidents and that dugouts are the order of the day in different parts of the province. The long tale of bombs has already reached West China so the people of Szechuen are leaving nothing to chance. As the people in this large province understand the term, Japonism is synonymous with something more cruel, wicked, barbarous and outrageous than anything yet perpetrated in the history of warfare. The inhabitants or non-combatants in Szechuen are not prepared to risk their lives with a Nipponese bomber overhead. So if the small city has only four gates the wise inhabitants thereof are constructing an additional four; and if the city has eight gates the dwellers therein are opening another eight. Non-combatants with Japanese bombers overhead want a way of escape.

West China is not so very far away from the seat of war and she has gained a very bad impression of her friendly neighbour's brotherly kindness and her careful and judicious bombing of strategic and military points! Having radio and the press the inhabitants of this large province are keenly alive to what is taking place day by day in the Republic and in the world at large. The cruel laughter of the Japanese warlords is penetrating the ears of the inhabitants of West China and they wonder if men like Anthony Eden are aware of its extent. It is a long time since the words were spoken advising men to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves. Yet men in public affairs to-day have about them a dove-like charm which they are cautiously using on the serpents with very little effect. And the people here ask how long this folly is going to last.

Gross Injustice

But what is impressing and distressing the people of this large and wealthy province is the gross injustice and unfairness of the present struggle. Japanese military advisors are too well trained and too intelligent not to know that China was by no means ready or prepared to fight Japan. But West China with the rest of China saw that Japan was not only bent, but determined to force an issue. West China, which comprises Szechuen, Kueichow and Yunnan, has a population of some 90,000,000 and these three provinces are as determined as the Central Government to withstand this unjust aggression and ruthless warfare on the part of Japan.

And the conclusion they have arrived at is something like this: Japan, in spite of what she says to the contrary, is bent on wrecking the young Republic, not because China has leanings towards Communism, which is mere Japanese piffle, but because fear has seized the hearts of the warlords. And this is where the people in this large province see the injustice and unfairness of the present aggression.

Szechuen, with every other part of the Republic, is preparing for a long struggle. Brussels, Geneva and Washington are broken reeds. Whatever the end of the struggle may be, a new nation has been born, thanks to the present Japanese onslaught. Boys and girls, young men and women, all over West China foresee the significance of Japanese friendship and domination. An iron heel on any boot is there to crush and oppress. What has impressed Szechuenese at the present time is the interest being taken by the Chinese merchant in the struggle in the north and at the coast. Business men as a rule take very little interest in China's internecine wars, but the present aggression has stirred their indignation. If it is a mere question of commerce, they say then let us trade and be friendly. But the merchant in West China can now see for himself that Japan has other things "up her sleeve" and among them a strong boot with an iron heel.

How can the Szechuen businessman possibly stand aside and take no interest in the present life and death struggle? His very existence depends on his present attitude and so a strong militia is being formed all over West China to defend the hearths and homes of her people. West China has the sympathy of her people in the present unjust attack upon her territory. Szechuen is firmly convinced that the only way out is to fight and resist: other methods have been tried and failed.

One unfortunate outcome of the struggle is the militarization of West China. Chiu-ih-ba saw the beginning of this militarization of Szechuen and it has gone on steadily ever since. And Japan's attitude and aggression since that date have driven the province to further military preparation. Can Japan deny to China what she is seeking for herself? The nations of the world to-day are seeking safety in association and armaments. Can anyone deny to China the privileges of other countries? Apparently in some quarters this is being denied. If the young Republic is being driven in any given direction, accepting the principle of safety first is she entirely to blame?

Young men in West China, specially business young men, are now doing what they never did before, namely, taking a lively interest in politics and world events and movements. We have frequently spoken with young merchants, bankers and students, and all seem well informed on the attitude of foreign nations towards the present conflict. The daily press and the nightly radio reports are keenly and widely circulated and intelligent interest is being taken in the deliberations and discussions indulged in by foreign powers.

The slogan all over the province is: Shansi is having her turn, it may be ours next. Szechuen is, therefore, with other parts of West China, preparing to defend herself against attack. Apart from her cruel aggression in the coastal provinces West China has very little grievance with Japan. She has, however, been very carefully warned against this subtle and dangerous aggressor. And with other parts of the Republic Szechuen is anticipating a long and difficult struggle.

Malicious Charge

A frequent topic of discussion in the province is the alleged charge of Communism. Surely such a charge can be refuted. America, Germany, Italy and France have sufficient residents in the interior of China to make some authentic statement on this question; and British Consuls are stationed in many of the important interior cities. Surely Japan cannot be mistaking Chinese Nationalism for Chinese Communism! Certain things will grow luxuriantly on Chinese soil, but any close observer on Chinese life, Japanese or otherwise, will have great difficulty in finding soil in China suitable for the growth of Communism. China is too cultured, intelligent, commercial and humorous to appreciate Communism.

China is and always has been prepared to show herself friendly towards those who are friendly—even Japan herself cannot deny this. What country in the world would tolerate Japanese military manœuvres in North China the way that China has done? What nation among nations would maintain friendly relations with a grasping neighbour as China has done? And apparently quite prepared to carry on.

And according to many thinking Szechuenese history will record the words, "It might have been." It might have been warm friendship between China and Japan. It might have been an example to the warring nations of the world. It might have been peace and concord in the Pacific. It might have been peace and harmony on the Asiatic Continent. It might have been peace and happiness between the two greatest nations in the world. And the people of Szechuen keep repeating, "And it might be otherwise."

LADY FAIRHAVEN'S FILM LIBEL SUIT

Her Name Used for "Odious" Part in Movie

SETTLEMENT AND AN APOLOGY MADE

Lady Fairhaven's libel action, in which she complained that her name had been used for a character in a film, was settled recently before Lord Hewart, the Lord Chief Justice, in the King's Bench Division, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

The action was brought against Warner Brothers First National Productions Ltd., of Teddington Studios, and First National Film Distributors Ltd., of Wardour House, Wardour-street, W.

Sir William Jowitt, K.C., for Lady Fairhaven, stated that a few years ago a peerage was conferred on her husband. As he died before he could take his seat his widow was authorised by Royal Warrant to take the rank which would have been hers had he lived.

Lady Fairhaven occupied a prominent social position and had a large circle of friends and acquaintances. She had an address in London, and a casual reference to the telephone directory or any book of reference would have revealed those facts. She was the only Lady Fairhaven.

Recently a film was shown by the defendants at the Empire Theatre, Leicester-square, called "Transatlantic Trouble."

"Far From Humorous"

Sir William said he understood the film was intended to be humorous, but one character portrayed in it was far from humorous.

It was that of a woman whose age was approximately equal to that of the plaintiff. This role was that of a person of odious character, completely uncontrolled in her passions, and destitute alike of any decency or self-respect.

To that character the name of "Lady Fairhaven" was given. Lady Fairhaven immediately received communications from all quarters regarding this matter.

Her solicitors wrote to the defendants calling for an immediate withdrawal of the film. The film was withdrawn, and the withdrawal was accompanied by further unwelcome publicity.

This action was brought to make it plain that Lady Fairhaven never willingly lent her name to any character in any film; and so that she might be publicly assured, as she had been privately, that there was no intention to refer to her.

Sir William added that in the settlement Lady Fairhaven would be indemnified as to her costs and receive a substantial sum by way of damages.

"She will see that the sum she so obtains," said counsel, "will be divided between charities in which she is interested."

Mr. Theobald Mathew, for the two companies, expressed their deep regret for the annoyance and distress caused to Lady Fairhaven.

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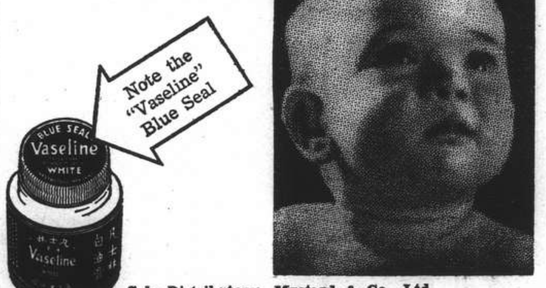

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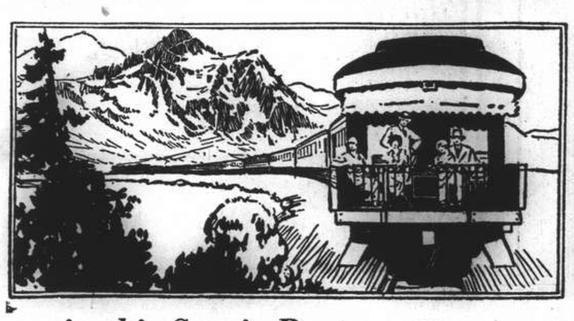

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SMITH.—On Sunday, December 26, 1937, at The Country Hospital, Shanghai, GLADYS SMITH, aged 42 years, widow of the late Mr. L. M. Smith of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company. Funeral services will be held to-day, Wednesday, December 29 at the Chapel of the International Funeral Directors, 207 Kiaochow Road at 5.30 p.m.

IMPARTIAL NOT NEUTRAL

A BOLD PLAN

The Japanese North China Measures Committee has arrived at the adoption of fundamental principles which will govern all economic development in North China, a Reuter message from Tokyo reports, and anxiety will be felt in the statement that the plan will probably be extended to Central China if opportunity offers. Under eight headings a scheme has been prepared which provides for the exploitation of the area at present under control, and is so designed as to bring about as complete an economic domination of that area as the Japanese have achieved in Manchoukuo. Indeed, as time progresses, the conviction is confirmed that the reader has only to remember what has happened in that country to realize exactly what the future has in store for the new autonomous state south of the Great Wall. It is planned to secure effective control of all essential industries of North China, and the scheme is far-reaching enough to embrace railways, harbour and port construction, construction of highways, general transportation facilities, telephone and telegraph systems, the electric power industry, and mining, for coal, iron and gold. Spinning, cotton growing and all similar industries are to be free to private concerns The establishment of a complete economic hegemony, and no less, is contemplated by the originators of the plan that has been published, and if opportunity offers this may be extended to Central China. The possibility of its being extended to all areas that ultimately fall into the possession of the Japanese must not be disregarded, nor the likelihood of the greater part of China passing under the economic domination of Japan, as completely as has Manchoukuo. The Committee responsible for the scheme has disappointed certain powerful Japanese interests in arriving at the decision it has, but it adopts the view that political circumstances in North China are entirely different from those prevailing in Manchoukuo, and, therefore, the two companies primarily operating in the latter should not expect to take an important part in the task of developing the former.

The scheme is all the more interesting when its magnitude and its possibilities are contrasted with the words of so eminent a Japanese business man as Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, President of the South Manchurian Railway Co.:—

"Nippon is fighting for loot and profit!" That is the refrain of all anti-Nippon propaganda the world over. It is an insult to plain arithmetic. Nippon has already spent billions of yen in the present crisis. The Imperial Diet a couple of weeks ago voted for more than two billion yen just to tide over a few months. The final total may reach fifty billions or more: who knows? Can a financial optimist anywhere conceive of Nippon getting back even two, three billion yen a year from China? And that amount would be a meagre annual interest charge on the Nippon outlay for this present crisis. Absurd even to a primary school arithmetic class all this fight for loot theory.....

Billions of yen, thousands of her young men's lives—all are offerings on the altar of her own conviction and aspirations. She is simply footing the bill which the leadership of Asian races calls for. No treasure trove is in her eyes—only sacrifices. No one realizes this more than she does. But the very life of her own depends on it as those of her neighbours as well.

The all-absorbing question before Nippon to-day, therefore is: Can she bear the cross?

That Mr. Matsuoka believes what he has written there cannot be the slightest doubt, nor can there be any that this is the belief held by millions of Japanese who are impressed with the sacredness of their mission in China. It is quite possible that people holding such views will regard the plan put forward by the North China Measures Committee, as being merely another example of the altruism which Mr. Matsuoka claims is animating his country. Those, however, who are concerned more with plain facts than mere words will find a very great discrepancy between the two in this case, and will be unable to escape the only apparent conclusion, that if this China Incident is not a war for economic conquest, it looks uncommonly like it.

It is but natural that foreign interests will watch this new Japanese plan with great concern. Foreign investment in China at the end of 1931, according to Professor C. F. Remer, totalled U.S. $3,242,500,000 of which the Japanese accounted for U.S. $1,136,900,000. Great Britain's share amounted to U.S. $1,189,200,000 of which approximately only one-quarter was in government loans, so that $963,400,000 or about £200,000,000 represents other British investments in China at that time, making it reasonable to suppose that since the year in question the total has increased. What is to happen to those investments under such a scheme as has been put forward? It will be argued by the Japanese that with the maintenance of the Open Door policy there should be no harm done to other nations dealing with China, and that as Japan has promised to respect that policy all is for the best in the best of worlds. That foreigners will not readily agree with such a contention is only too apparent from the concern displayed over the way in which the doctrine has been adhered to in Manchoukuo, in connection with which the same promise was made. The recent inclusion of that country within the Japanese economic bloc, and the restrictions which have but lately been placed upon the foreign trade of that entity is an indication of what may be expected to happen in the future. It may very well be argued for Japan that this present expedient is but a temporary measure, but it is an unfortunate fact that Japanese temporary measures have an unhappy habit of acquiring permanency, and should it do so in this case, the application of similar tactics to North China, and Central China might very well be the severest possible blow to foreign interests in this part of the world. Despit the reassuring eloquence of Mr. Matsuoka it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the creation of this monster monopoly in the new autonomous state is the first step in the endeavour to make Japan's present military adventure a paying one.

MISREPRESENTATION

The bomb incident on Soochow Creek on Monday has had exactly the repercussion which was to be expected, namely, that the Japanese should embark upon a line of criticism of the efforts of the Municipal Police. To argue that because a crime occurred the Police are inefficient may sound very well, but indicates incomplete realization of the functions of the force. It cannot be expected to anticipate that one person, out of some millions resident in Shanghai, plans to throw a bomb at a Japanese army sampan in Soochow Creek, and take steps accordingly. Could it be, it would have to be gifted with a degree of clairvoyance to which even the best of mediums never lays claim. If such things were possible much crime could be frustrated. That, however, the police are as human as any other person is evidenced by the fact that the Tokyo police did not anticipate the attempted coup of February last year, or, if they did, certainly took no steps to frustrate it. It may be thought that such an argument is but a mere *tu quoque*, but surely the respective merits of the two forces should be measured by the same yardstick. The efficiency displayed by the Municipal Police during the "Victory Parade," and the manner in which they have kept crime in hand during all these trying months redounds infinitely to their credit, and the Japanese authorities, if they are correctly represented by their spokesman appear to be more than a trifle hypercritical. The claim made yesterday morning at the Press Conference that the Shanghai Municipal police on August 17 "took to their heels from the Eastern part of the Settlement" and so abandoned their posts, is definitely untrue, as the following excerpts from the issue of this journal dated August 21, clearly proves:—

> The whole of the police force left in the eastern district is composed of volunteers. Some of the men are married, but they considered that their chief obligation was to keep up the tradition of the Municipal Police of looking after any ratepayers' property irrespectively of inconvenience or cost to the men concerned. For six days the small and heroic band which have held on in the eastern district have been severed from their friends and families elsewhere. Every day and all night they have patrolled the streets in S.M.P. radio vans, so that they could send alarms to the appropriate quarters whenever they were needed. The only trouble was that the "appropriate quarters" were usually cut off from the central areas of the Settlement whenever the emergencies were really urgent.
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> During their time in the eastern siege, these policemen have had nothing more to eat than dry bread and bully beef. Their water supply was taken from the taps. In each sub-station there were about half a dozen British subjects, some of them Indians who elected to stand by their white comrades in the emergency, and have done sterling work.

It is not suggested for one moment that these misrepresentations are deliberate; they either rise from poor memory or an inadequate acquaintance with the facts. but, in a tense situation such as prevails, it is just as well to be certain of one's facts, before making statements which reflect on a brave body of men who carried on amidst a state of affairs which was none of their making. The members of the force, who did their duty so efficiently in so trying a time, deserve every commendation. and as this journal pointed out in the issue referred to, they continued to act "as custodians of the law in a district where the only law that reigns is that of death and destruction."

THE EVACUATION

There has been much heart burning and criticism of the action of the British authorities in the evacuation plan which was decided upon at the outbreak of hostilities, but, now the sound and fury have subsided, it is recognized that it was a wise act and criticism has given place to appreciation. The grateful view of the Sikh community is reflected in the following letter addressed to the British Consul-General by Lakha Singh, secretary of the Majha Khala Diwan, Shanghai:

> I respectfully address you, that seeing the danger of Sino-Japanese hostilities, the arrangement which you made for the repatriation of the British Indians and their families was an admirable act. This act is not only benevolent, but you won the hearts of your whole Indian community in Shanghai. The very act of helping your subjects is another bright star in the pages of British history and has shown the world that the British are ever mindful of the safety of their subjects. For this reason the Majha Community thanks you from the bottom of their hearts and on the birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Ji the whole of the Sikh Majha Community prayed to God that the British Empire may go on for ever and that day by day may grow stronger.

A COUNTRY DIARY

Dec. 27.—Managed to get out into the war-torn Hungjao district yesterday and, having quickly viewed looted property, corpses, gardens turned into horse lines, and all the other beauties of war, got a little walk in the real country. The sweet sharp tang of waxing and waning vegetable life came into my nostrils and I felt as if I had come home at last: long-dead cotton plants still stood, bearing silent witness to the absence of the owners, but the beans planted in the same furrows are making a brave struggle for existence: the winter wheat is green, and what are a few shell-holes in a field of wheat? Nature seems to laugh at warfare and covers all its scars just as quickly as they are made. The number of Pheasants among the neglected crops is amazing, for in the complete absence of shooting the birds have lived a protected life.....a stupid remark to make, if you like, but even an oriental airman could hardly hope to hit a pheasant accidentally. In the midst of such random thoughts I had a pleasant surprise. A series of tiny shrill squeaks drew me to a group of fir trees and there I found a flock of Firecrests feeding.... the smallest of all our rare winter visitors and just as tiny as the mouse-like squeaks they produce; hardly bigger than humming-birds, shall I say, and so fearless of man that you may stand right among them without driving them away. The plumage of the males is brighter than that of the females, and their crowning glory is a fiery-golden-orange crest outlined with black bars to show it off to perfection. Such a sight made me think of the words of one of our poets (whose name I forget)....."In Flanders fields the poppies blow.....the larks still bravely singing fly....scarce heard among the guns below." The man who wrote that obviously knew what he was talking about.

IN PARENTHESIS

Diet

JEFFRESS: "So Turner made a fortune?"

Hansel: "Yes, he invented a chocolate bonbon with a lettuce centre for women on a diet."

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H2O

"FREQUENT water drinking," said the specialist, "prevents you from becoming stiff in the joints."

"Yes," says the co-ed, "but some of the joints don't serve water."

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British Diplomacy

A TRAFFIC expert in New York, speaking of traffic jams abroad, says that the London drivers and chauffeurs enliven many occasions by their wit and sarcasm. One London driver drew up, when he saw a pedestrian directly in his way, leaned over, and very politely inquired: "I say, sir, may I ask what are your plans?"

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Reason

DICK Gardner tells of the two Broadwayites who were discussing a friend. "I wouldn't trust him if I were you," said one. "He's got a very peculiar personality."

"Yeah?" was the question. "What's the trouble?"

"I dunno," shrugged the other. "But none of his friends hate him!"

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Escape

DURING one of Warden Lawes's question-and-answer sessions on the radio, a woman asked whether a single prisoner could escape unaided or whether he would need assistance from the outside.

"I have a couple of thousand prisoners up in Sing Sing listening to this programme," he replied. "I'm not going to tell them how it's done."

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To Be Exact

A BIG scientist happened to mention somethin' about the Ozark Mountains bein' fifteen billion years old. Aunt Pudey spoke up and says, "I beg your pardon, Professor, the Ozark Mountains are fifteen billion and 26 years old."

The scientist was so surprised that she could have such accurate knowledge and he says: "How do you arrive at those figures?" and Aunt Pudey says, "Well, it was 26 years ago when I was going to school that I read they were fifteen billion years old then."

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Mongoose X 2

THE question of the correct plural of the word "mongoose" was solved by a gentleman who wanted a pair of these interesting and affectionate creatures.

He wrote to a dealer: "Sir, please send me two mongeese."

He did not like the look of this, tore up the paper, and began again: "Sir, please send me two mongooses."

This version did not satisfy him any better than the first, so he wrote: "Sir, please send me a mongoose, and, by the way, send me another."

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Retired

THE city clerk had never in his life had more than four-pound-ten a week, but now at the age of sixty-five he was able to retire because he had £5,000 put by. His fellow-clerks gave him a little dinner. In thanking them, he said: "You've all heard, friends, how it is I'm able to retire. I owe it in great part to my own abstemious and thrifty habits. Even more I owe it to the carefulness and good management of my dear wife. But, still more, I owe it to the fact that a month ago an aunt of mine died and left me £4,957."

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Rough Passage

IT was just at the beginning of the War, when things were becoming "tightened up" in the Officer's Training Corps. A very distinguished officer arrived for an inspection.

One cadet who had been celebrating several nights running was unfortunate enough to attract the "eagle eye."

"Look down the bore of your rifle, sir." barked the inspecting officer.

The cadet did so.

"Well, what do you think of it?"

"Well, Colonel, it would be a very intelligent bullet that could find its way out of it!" was the disarming reply.

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Rumour

THE suggestion that Dorothy Thompson should be the next Republican candidate for the presidency was started by John Gunther and me, writes Philip Jordan in "London News Chronicle," at lunch in New York and might as well end here. I had been to see Dorothy Thompson in a hospital; and when Gunther asked me how she was, I said as a joke, "I wouldn't be surprised if the Republicans didn't nominate her to run for president in 1940;" and John said as a joke, "If they do she'll probably be elected." When I got home I told the joke to H. R. Knickerbocker, who passed it on to Randolph Churchill, who in turn printed it seriously in gossip columns of a London evening paper. A week later it appeared as the "latest tip from well-informed Washington circles" in a London news magazine, was cabled to America, has appeared there and now, if you please, an American paper is conducting a straw vote on the question."

THE WEATHER

The temperature near Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai for 24 hours ending 7 p.m.

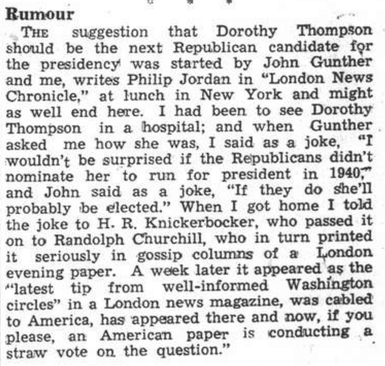
Yesterday	Min. 39.0	Max.	42.5
Same date, 1936	Min. 35.0	Max.	54.0

Rain .47.

Siccawei Recordings:—

Yesterday	Min. 36.7	Max.	43.3
Same date, 1936	Min. 30.0	Max.	56.5

Siccawei's Report



State on the morning of the 27th:—Normal and steady pressure over China, Korea and Japan. Regular winter monsoon along the China Coast. Fine to cloudy, cold to cool weather in China.

State on the morning of the 28th:—Cold and misty weather. Calm of wind. Normal and steady pressure.

Probabilities, 4.30 p.m. yesterday:—Overcast to cloudy and colder weather with freshening north-westerly to northerly winds and local snow around Shantung. Rainy or misty with cyclonic circulation over our Coasts and the Eastern Sea, owing to a depression passing to the south of Shanghai east-north-east ward. Variable weather and winds around Formosa.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

St. Tichon's Orphanage—From Christmas Gift Club	$250.00
Relief of Poor Russian Emigrants—From Mrs. Kolpashnikoff	$10.00
Father Jacquinot's Fund—From Tam	$5.00

ANOTHER BOMB THROWN FROM BRIDGE AT JAPANESE

Police Immediately Arrest Perpetrator of Outrage: Chinese Terrorist Society Revealed

57 ARRESTED BY S.M. POLICE IN RAIDS

ANOTHER bomb was thrown at a Japanese Army launch in the Soochow Creek yesterday as it passed under the Chekiang Road bridge at 11.50 a.m. This represented the second outrage of its kind to occur in Shanghai within twenty-four hours, the first bombing having taken place on Monday shortly before the same hour from the Honan Road bridge. The Japanese opened fire on the bridge, but no one was wounded.

Settlement police on duty on the bridge arrested the bomb-thrower yesterday. Under close interrogation he revealed that there was an organized society for terrorizing Japanese in the Shanghai area. The society did not have its headquarters inside the International Settlement or the French Concession.

The Japanese stated last night that one member of the crew of the launch which was bombed yesterday was slightly injured. According to independent observers on the bridge, the bomb fell wide of the launch and the injuries, if any, to those on board could not have been serious. It was understood last night that a demand had been made by the Japanese that the arrested man should be handed over to them.

Police precautions on the bridges over the Soochow Creek were strict all yesterday, following Monday's bombing, but the perpetrator of yesterday's outrage succeeded in hurling his missile before constables could reach him. Immediately afterwards he was in custody, and, according to Japanese reports, taken to West Hongkew Police Station. At the Japanese request, the Municipal Police yesterday gave out no information about the incident.

It was understood, however, that the arrested man admitted that he was a member of a patriotic, or terrorist, organization, and that other members of the organization were in Shanghai ready to carry out similar outrages. It is also known that the Chinese army has organized several other "mobile units" which are designed to harass Japanese communications all over the country, and not particularly in Shanghai.

Fifty-Seven Arrests

Contrary to Japanese reports last night, only one man was concerned in the bombing yesterday. The man arrested had no accomplices. And again, contrary to Japanese reports that the Municipal Police had not been exerting themselves to suppress terrorism in the Settlement, it was revealed that within the last seven days no fewer than 57 arrests had been made in a series of raids, of persons suspected of carrying illegal and unregistered arms or being members of gangs of robbers who had committed armed crimes in the international area. The raids which resulted in these arrests, while not being so spectacular as those conducted by the police with the co-operation of the S.V.C., had nevertheless been made daily, it was learned.

Dissatisfaction With Police

In connection with Monday's bomb outrage, dissatisfaction with the results shown by the Shanghai Municipal Police in its search for clandestinely held arms was expressed by a Japanese Embassy spokesman at a press conference yesterday morning.

"As has been stated before," the official declared, "the Japanese authorities believe that a restoration of normal conditions in Shanghai is essential to the welfare of the community.

"As a pre-requisite to this, the elimination of arms now being illegally held within the Settlement is deemed by them to be essential.

"The Shanghai Municipal Council has issued a proclamation making a punishable offence the failure to surrender or to register arms now being held clandestinely.

"In addition a search for arms was carried out with the assistance of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. For some reason unknown to the Japanese authorities, this practice was not continued.

"In the light of Monday's incident, as well as in view of the constant threat of armed bandit gangs in the Settlement, the Japanese authorities feel that the efforts of the Shanghai Municipal Police in that direction should be continued," the spokesman declared.

Four Searches Made

When newspaper reporters present at the conference pointed out that to their knowledge such house-to-house searches for arms had been carried out four times, the spokesman replied that their results had been unsatisfactory.

"If they were effective," he said, "they should have prevented such an incident as yesterday's."

The demands for the opening of the area north of Soochow Creek to Chinese residents and workers cannot be entertained, he added, until the Shanghai Municipal Police shows better results in its search for firearms.

Landing Party Status Defined In North Areas

Japan's Spokesman on S.M.C. Administrative Rights

FORFEITED FOR A TIME AFTER EVACUATION

Being "part and parcel" of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in China and "consequenty exposed to attack by Chinese in all sorts of ways," the Japanese Special Naval Landing Party in Shanghai feels that it should take "self-defensive measures within the Settlement similar to those taken by troops in occupied areas."

This declaration was made by a Japanese Embassy spokesman yesterday morning in reply to questions regarding the status of the Landing Party as a defence force of the International Settlement, in the light of regulations against acts against the Japanese forces issued on Sunday by Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Sea Fleet.

"The Landing Party is a component part of the Japanese forces now engaged in hostilities with Chinese troops," the spokesman stated. "Consequently, it must take similar steps for self-preservation as do other Japanese units."

The Japanese authorities do not deny the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Municipal Council in the Settlement area within the Japanese defence sector, the spokesman emphasized.

Right "Forfeited"

"The Shanghai Municipal Council, however, forfeited for a time its rights of administration over the eastern Settlement area when the Shanghai Municipal Police took to its heels on orders from their superiors on August 17," the spokesman pointed out.

"As a consequence, the Japanese Naval Landing Party temporarily had to assume the authority that normally was that of the police," he added.

This authority, the spokesman continued, was now being gradually restored to the police.

Questioned regarding the status of the Japanese members of the Shanghai Municipal Police who remained in the eastern area following the orders to withdraw, the spokesman stated that these had remained there "voluntarily as individuals."

The presence of the police was deemed by the Japanese authorities as necessary at that time to maintain "law and order behind the lines."

The warders of the Ward Road gaol, the spokesman said, could not be regarded in the same category as they were not engaged in police duties.

Foreigners' Position

The Japanese authorities claim that the application of Admiral Hasegawa's ten regulations concerning subversive actions against Japanese forces apply to everyone, foreign or otherwise, and anywhere, north or south of the creek—in principle. This was revealed by a Japanese spokesman yesterday afternoon during questioning related to the morning's bombing incident from the Chekiang Road Bridge. He admitted, however, that the Japanese authorities would proceed "very cautiously" where the application of these regulations to foreigners with extra-territorial rights were concerned.

Asked if the prisoner now held by the police came under these regulations, the spokesman said he did, but that he was now being questioned by the S.M.P. He was not able to say whether any request had been, or would be, made for him to be turned over to the Japanese authorities. In principle, the regulations applied to him.

If an act is committed against a Japanese soldier anywhere else (than in Hongkew) in Shanghai, will the same regulations apply?—Yes, in principle.

Alleged Confession

Is it true the prisoner has confessed he took part in yesterday's (Monday's) affair and that he is one of a gang with headquarters in Japanese territory, about 90 li from Shanghai?—The facts you state have not been brought to our knowedge by the S.M.P., who are examining the prisoner.

Would the regulations apply to foreigners as well as to Chinese, in principle, throughout Shanghai?—As explained yesterday, these regulations will be applied to all persons, but for the adminstration, the execution of these laws, due regard will be taken in connection with the principles of international law and the stipulations of existing treaties.

In the case of a foreigner being involved in a similar incident, the spokesman said in reply to another question, the case "will be treated very cautiously."

FORD WORKMAN IN KANSAS BEATEN BY UNION MEN

Kansas City, Dec. 27.

Violence, including sniping at employees of the Ford Motor Co., broke out here again to-day in the bitter labour war between the company and union members. Mr. Cleo Wolkey, a Ford employee, told police to-day he had been waylaid and severely beaten by four men while on his way to work.—United Press.

FRENCH AIRMEN BREAK TWO RECORDS

Etampes, Dec. 27.

The French airman, M. Maurice Arnoux, to-day broke the world record for the 100 km. flight. Using a Caudron-Renault single seater with a cylinder capacity of nine litres, M. Arnoux covered the distance in 18 minutes and 5.150 seconds, at a speed of 331.733 km. per hour.—Havas.

Loaded Seaplane Record

Bordeaux, Dec. 27.

The French airman, M. Guillaumet, piloting the giant seaplane Lieutenant de Vaisseau Paris, established a new speed record for seaplanes with a ten ton load. He covered a distance of 1,000 km. at an average speed of 211.002 km. per hour.—Havas.

Shantung Drive Proceeds After Fall of Tsinan

Japanese Push Southward Towards Taian

RIVER CROSSING

Control of Five Northern Provinces Seen

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

After clearing Tsinan of remnants, Japanese troops are reported to have resumed their drive southward in the direction of Taian, 25 miles south of the provincial capital.

A salient feature of the Japanese occupation of Tsinan, according to Japanese press reports, is that the Japanese troops who entered the walled city found that practically all the Chinese residents had remained.

It was revealed to-day that the Japanese troops who had concentrated on the north bank of the Yellow River, about 36 miles north-east of Tsinan, started crossing the river at eight o'clock on the night of December 23.

Boats in Crossing

The first of the steel boats employed for this purpose crossed the river in fifteen minutes, followed by others. The Japanese boats are stated to have plied between the northern and southern bank of the 300-metre-wide river "like shuttle-cocks."

An exchange of severe rifle and machine-gun fire occurred at first, but soon died down with the swift advance of the Japanese troops.

With the fall of Tsinan, all the capitals of the five provinces of North China are now in Japanese hands.

The retreat of the Chinese forces in Tsingtao has now been cut off, while the northern half of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway is now entirely secured by the Japanese.

The Japanese troops operating along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway from the Yangtze are now stated to be advancing northward in the direction of Hsuchowfu, at the junction of the Lunghai and Tsinpu lines.

"Extremely Significant"

"From the political point of view," says the "Asahi" in an article to-day, "the capture of Tsinan is extremely significant." Control of Shantung, it says, gives the Japanese Army hegemony over the five provinces of North China.

"It is considered most probable," the "Asahi" continues, "that the influence of the Provisional Government of the Republic of China will be extended to Shantung."

Crossing the Yellow River in the face of the enemy had been considered by military experts to be extremely difficult, the journal proceeds, but actually it proved an easy task to the Japanese Army.

"As a result of the capture of Tsinan," the "Asahi" adds, "Japan grasps at the throat of the Shantung Peninsula, cutting off the retreat of the Shantung Army, important Central Army forces and other mixed Chinese troops."—Reuter.

Taian Concentration

Hankow, Dec. 28.

After retreating from Tsinan, the forces of General Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung, took up positions on Paimashan, or White Horse Mountain, according to official Chinese dispatches received here to-day.

The main body is concentrating at Taian, in the immediate vicinity of which stands Taishan, China's sacred mountain, which is often mentioned in the writings of Confucius.

Meanwhile the Japanese forces advancing eastward towards Tsingtao along the Tsinan-Tsingtao Railway are pushing steadily closer to their objective. Fighting is at present taking place at Chingchow, 35 miles west of Weihsien, and gunfire was faintly audible at Weihsien to-day.

General Yu Hsueh-chung's troops, who have been garrisoning Tsingtao, are reported to be moving westward to support the Chinese forces at Weihsien. These troops belonged formerly to General Chang Hsueh-liang.

Activity in Shansi

Renewal of activity on the part of the Japanese forces on the Shansi front is reported here to-day. The main body of the Japanese forces is stated to be on the move to the Chengtai and Tungpu railway sectors preparatory to launching a drive to clean up mobile units of the 8th Route Army hiding in the mountains in the vicinity of Chingchen and Chihsien.

Heavy troop movements are reported to have occurred in the past few days with Japanese reinforcements pouring into Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, from Yenmengkwan.—Reuter.

Chinese Morale Improved

Hankow, Dec. 27.

An improvement in the morale of Chinese forces, which was at a very low point when Nanking fell, is claimed in Chinese reports received here to-day.

With the arrival of reinforcements and new equipment at the various fronts, a distinct improvement in the military situation is said to be noticeable.

Meanwhile, according to Chinese reports from Wuhu, the position of

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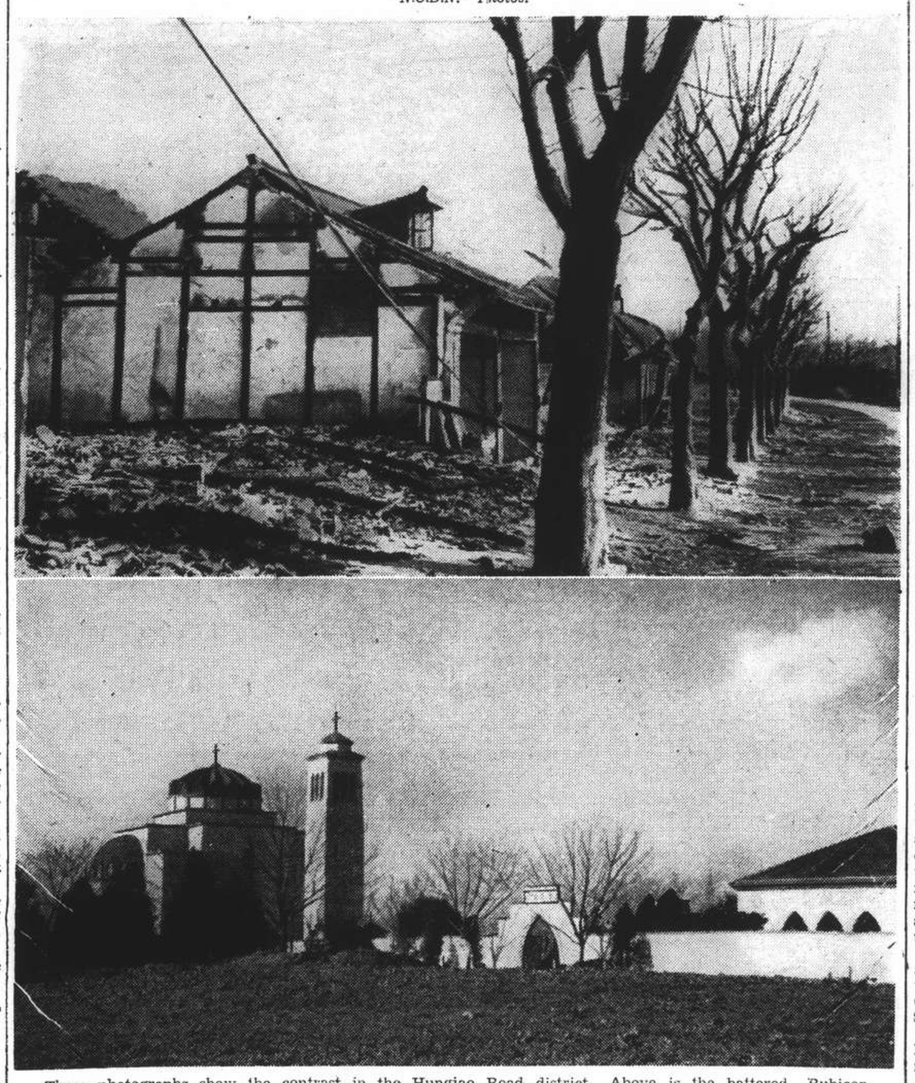
Japanese Land Marines South Of Macao

Macao, Dec. 28.

The Japanese to-day landed 200 marines on Wongcum Island, directly south of Macao, after shelling the place. Motor-towed skiffs from a cruiser, a transport and two destroyers were used to bring the marines ashore. The shelling started at 5.20 this morning, and the sound of gunfire awakened the people of Macao. No report on the Japanese landing has yet been received from the Portuguese in Wongcum Island, where they possess rights.—Reuter.

WAR AND PEACE IN THE HUNGJAO DISTRICT

"N.C.D.N." Photos.



These photographs show the contrast in the Hungjao Road district. Above is the battered Rubicon village looking towards Shanghai from Rubicon Creek bridge on Hungjao Road. Below is the Sihyih Cemetery Church in Rubicon Road which stands spotless and untouched although in the direct line of advance and retreat of the opposing armies.

U.S. TO RESIST INFRINGEMENT OF CHINA EXTR'ALITY

Washington Now Assessing U.S.S. Panay Indemnity: Press Divided Over Swift Settlement

Washington, Dec. 27.

THE United States Government had not yet decided on the sum it would request the Japanese Government to furnish as indemnity for the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, said Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day. Competent officials, he added, were working out the amount which would meet the case. Meanwhile, an air of wariness regarding the whole situation in China is being maintained here.

Mr. Hull told pressmen to-day that he did not have sufficient information to discuss the issues raised by the press reports that Japanese military authorities had issued a proclamation that all foreigners would be subjected to Japanese military law for offences against the Japanese army in the occupied areas in China. It is intimated in unofficial circles, however, that if America's extraterritorial rights are infringed by any such regulation, the Government will certainly take up the matter.—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 27.

Dissatisfaction with American acceptance of the Japanese Note regarding the Japanese destruction of the U.S.S. Panay mounted steadily to-day.

One possible explanation for the acceptance, according to some sources, was that Japan privately gave the United States broader assurances regarding punishment of the responsible officers than contained in the official note which was released to the press. Private advices that Emperor Hirohito had been notified of the incident, may also have been given Mr. Hull, it was reported.

In response to press inquiries regarding the rumours of "additional understandings" between Japan and the United States, Mr. Hull said he did not know what they were.

Bitter Editorial in "Star"

Among the first signs of dissatisfaction over the settlement was a bitter editorial appearing in the normally conservative and temperate "Washington Evening Star."

The settlement, said the "Evening Star," "was as signal a victory for Japan as her warriors ever won on land or sea."

The Japanese, the newspaper said, will regard the settlement as a high

Emperor Hears Of Panay Settlement

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, reported to the Emperor to-day. It was understood he mentioned the settlement of the Panay incident and negotiations on the Ladybird incident, both of which had previously been discussed by the Cabinet.—United Press.

achievement because western diplomacy seldom has lost such face in the Orient.

United States officials may regard the incident as closed "but it is more than problematical whether the American people will so consider it.

"Many will feel, on the contrary, that bland acceptance of Japan's 'excuse me, please' for as grave an affront as ever offered the United States flag, may be destined not to be the end but only the beginning of our ignominy in the Orient," the "Star" declared.

Extrality Rights

Mr. Hull, in response to press queries, said he had not yet received sufficient information to comment on the Japanese spokesman's announcement that foreigners in the Japanese-occupied areas of China would lose their extraterritorial rights in connection with a list of ten offences considered inimical to the operations of the Japanese forces, on which charges they would be tried to a Japanese military court.

Until full reports are received, Mr. Hull said, he would not be able to comment whether United States extraterritorial rights were violated.

The "New York World Telegram," contrary to the "Washington Star," expressed satisfaction with the settlement of the Panay Incident.

Acceptance at Face Value

"Washington accepted Tokyo's apology at face value, and we think wisely so," the paper commented. "Whether the Panay bombing was an accident is relatively unimportant.... What is important is Japan's apparently sincere desire to make all possible amends. She disavowed the madmen who sank the American gunboat and has taken steps to punish them. She also has ordered her other troops not to make any similar blunder again."

Other New York afternoon papers also generally welcomed the closing of the Panay incident.

"Millions of Americans, and no doubt millions of Japanese, to-day breathe a sigh of relief," the "Post" commented. Both sides may be right regarding the remaining point of difference between the two Governments, the paper said.

"The Japanese may be right in insisting the attack was not the work of any responsible person but rather the fruit of that lust which infects the men of all nations once they go over the top," the paper continued.

'Xmas Goodwill Spirit

The "World Telegram" also pointed out that the Christmas holidays had partially redeemed their reputation as a season of peace and goodwill.

The "Sun," in an editorial headed "Proof of the Japanese Pudding," said the test of "Japan's fair words is in the future."

"One objects to the campaign to eradicate the prestige of western nations among the peoples of Asia," the "Sun" said, however. "This purpose already has been largely accomplished....and the conduct of the Japanese in China will hereafter be even more closely scrutinized than before."

The "New York Herald Tribune," in an editorial entitled "Peace on Earth," said if the United States Note and the obvious relief with which it was received in Tokyo, did not "close" the Panay incident, "they at least eliminate all the more immediately dangerous possibilities."

"It is now unlikely," the paper said, "the name Panay will ever be associated in our history with those of the Maine and Lusitania....It was indeed with astuteness that the Japanese timed their communication with Christmas."—United Press.

Oahu Leaves For Scene of Panay Bombing

Embassy Officials Return to Fallen Chinese Capital

DIVERS TO EXAMINE THE SUNKEN GUNBOAT

With a small party of American Embassy officials and some divers on board, the U.S.S. Oahu, sister ship of the ill-fated U.S.S. Panay, sailed for Nanking yesterday morning, bound for the fallen Chinese capital and for the scene of the bombing incident which stirred the world. The Embassy officials, who are to open up the Embassy offices at Nanking, consist of Mr. John M. Allison, Third Secretary, Mr. James Espy, Vice-Consul, and Mr. A. A. McFadyen, Mr. Allison was formerly Consul at Dairen.

The Oahu sailed from her berth alongside the U.S.S. Augusta at about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, and is expected to arrive off Nanking by late this evening. This, however, will depend on circumstances. The level of the river is falling rapidly.

In addition, mine-sweeping operations are still continuing, as it is believed that the river between Woosung and Nanking is still very much alive. Arrangements for the safe conduct of the U.S.S. Oahu were made with the Japanese naval authorities, and she was to pick up a Japanese destroyer, and possibly a mine-sweeper as well, as escort.

The Oahu will stop at Nanking to enable the American Embassy officials to go ashore and open the Embassy buildings, and will then proceed to the scene of the bombing of her sister gunboat. There she will anchor while divers will go down and examine the Panay. It is too early yet to say whether or not she can be salvaged, or whether this possibility is even contemplated.

STINGING COMMENT BY "THE TIMES"

Bitter Reflection Made on Tokyo Reply to U.S.

London, Dec. 28.

It would be idle to examine in detail the mass of evidence adduced by Japan to prove what looked like wanton malice was really only gross recklessness or incompetence, says "The Times" in commenting to-day on the Japanese Note to America on the Panay Incident.

The tone of Washington's acceptance was chilly enough, it says, to dispel Japanese hopes that any future incident will only have to be called an accident to be liquidated.

There is no doubt, the journal continues, that the recent outrages have not only stiffened public opinion, but the opinions of governments, and have shown the dangerous limitations of the Japanese military machine.

Meanwhile, it adds, guerilla warfare is almost continuous, and the economic difficulties of the new regimes set up in China are more serious than their political and military counterparts. The regimes themselves are perfunctory and undistinguished. Japan presumably thinks it worth while to pay salaries to this seedy galaxy of turncoats and opportunists, but this policy does not inspire confidence in the methods whereby the military mind proposes to lead China.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that the United States Government, while accepting the Japanese apology, has made it clear that it does not, and will not, accept the Japanese story.—Reuter.

Alien Flotilla Of Submarines Said Off U.S.A.

Los Angeles Press Reflects Pacific Coast Scare

HONOLULU RECOLLECTS FREIGHTER MYSTERY

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.

The Los Angeles "Daily News" reported to-day that certain circles here gave credence to a "sensational rumour" that an alien submarine flotilla had been operating off the Pacific coast of the United States. The rumour was reported circulating in American naval circles. A naval seaplane, according to the rumour, scouted over an area in which the foreign submarines were reported operating.

An American naval authority was quoted as having said, "If there are any foreign submarines in this part of the Pacific, they are probably Japanese. It is inconceivable to think that any other nation would have submarines in this part of the Pacific."

The newspaper recalled that in 1915 it had been rumoured that Japan was planning the establishment of a naval base in Southern California. An investigation by American warships, it was recalled found the rumour to be unfounded.

Navy Not Credulous

Cmdr. C. J. Wheeler, in an interview with the "Daily News," discounted the report. "The Navy has not taken any stock in it," he said. "The rumour actually was reported about a week ago, at first describing only one submarine. It now appears to have grown into a flotilla. As far as the Navy is concerned, the rumour is entirely unfounded. At any rate, we have not investigated the rumour."

"Asked where a Japanese fleet of submarines could establish a base," the "Daily News" reported, "Naval observers point out that it is highly feasible for them to contact colliers ....at numerous isolated spots in hundreds of uninhabited and unfrequented miles along the coast of Lower California.....It was further explained that most commercial fishing boats owned by the Japanese are equipped with Diesel engines almost identical to those used in modern submarines.

"These fishing boats could supply submarines with fuel and supplies. It was even contended that an 8,500-ton freighter could convert eight fishing boats (tuna clippers) into minesweepers on the high seas in the incredible time of four hours."—United Press.

Honolulu Mystery Freighter

Honolulu, Dec. 27.

Rumours circulated here to-day said Japanese warships had been operating on the Pacific between Honolulu and the American mainland for weeks. The source of the rumours could not be traced.

One version of the rumour said Japanese warships possibly were responsible for the apparent disappearance of the freighter, Haida, which sailed from Seattle, Wash. carrying a cargo of sulphur to China. The freighter was expected to re-coal in Hawaii late in November, but has not been heard from here since leaving Seattle. As far as could be ascertained locally, the Haida never arrived in China.—United Press.

U.S. Naval Movements

San Diego, Dec. 27.

A squadron of destroyers was to-day ordered to relieve the nine ships of Destroyer Squadron Eleven which were sent from San Diego to San Pedro on December 20.

Admiral Walton R. Sexton, Commander of the Destroyer Squadrons, conferred with his aides to decide which squadron to send for the relief duty. The Admiral's spokesman said this was probably the basis for the erroneous rumour that a division of destroyers would be sent to Pearl Harbour, Hawaii.

"No such orders have been given and none are anticipated," he said. He also denied that war heads have been replaced for the present dummy heads of torpedoes.—United Press.

Secret Manœuvres

Ventura Cal., Dec. 27.

Eight United States warships, believed to be destroyers, suddenly broke formation during secret manœuvres off the Ventura coast to-night and flooded the sky with searchlights.

Residents of this city were unaware of the activity until they saw the lights, then the beach was crowded with hundreds who came to witness the unusual sight.—United Press.

U.S. NAVY SEEKS BATTLESHIPS

Two More Likely, Declares Assistant Secretary

Washington, Dec. 27.

The Navy Department is studying budget figures regarding the possibility of obtaining two new battleships, Mr. Charles Edison, Assistant Secretary of Navy, revealed here to-day after a fifteen minute conference with President Roosevelt.

He said the conference covered "routine construction problems." Tentative figures for two new battleships have been incorporated into the Federal budget for the coming fiscal year, it was understood.—United Press.

CUBAN EX-PRESIDENT'S EXTRADITION STOPPED

New York, Dec. 27.

Extradition proceedings against Senor Gerardo Machado, former Cuban President, were dismissed to-day by Mr. Garrett Cotter, U. S. Commissioner, as requested by the Cuban Consul-General in New York City.—United Press.

SCHOOL FOR WIVES FOR GERMAN SOLDIERS

Berlin, Dec. 27.

The first school for the fiancees of Nazi militians and soldiers of the Reichswehr will be opened at Schwanenwerber near Berlin in 1938.—Havas.

JAPAN'S HDQRS. EXPLAINS WUHU SHIPS INCIDENT

Fog and "Smoke Screen" Leads to Mistake

ACT UNINTENTIONAL

Reply to British Note to Be Issued To-day

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Contrary to general expectations, Japan's reply to the British Note on the Ladybird incident, which was handed to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota at 5.40 this afternoon, will not be published to-night. Publication, it is now believed, will be simultaneously made in London and Tokyo to-morrow.

The text of the reply was approved by the Cabinet this morning, after which Mr. Hirota, representing the Premier, Prince Konoye, who is indisposed, proceeded to the Palace and made a detailed report to the Throne regarding the incident and the Government's measures for an amicable settlement.

Imperial Hdqrs. Statement

Meanwhile, the Foreign Office to-night issued a very long statement by the military authorities concerning the shelling of British men-of-war (the Ladybird and the Bee) near Wuhu on December 12, which is attributed to "a thick fog and a smoke-screen rendering the vessels unidentifiable."

As Mr. Okamoto, the Japanese Consul-General in Shanghai, had requested third Powers on December 9 to evacuate their nationals from the zone of hostilities, the statement asserts, "the high commander and all his men" did not dream of the presence of any foreign vessels in the neighbourhood of the fighting area.

However, the document proceeds, on the afternoon of December 11, more than ten large steamers were observed fleeing up-river from Hsiakwan, Nanking's waterfront district. The high commander ordered a nearby artillery corps to fire on the ships, but the shots fell short, "to the chagrin of all the Japanese soldiers."

The high commander then ordered units in the neighbourhood of Wuhu to attack these vessels.

The Fog and Smoke Screen

Although there was a dense fog on the morning of December 12, the commander of the Japanese detachment at Wuhu discovered, after a while, that four large steamers were anchored about three kilometres north of the city.

At about 9 a.m., some of the ships suddenly began sending up black smoke, whereupon the commander, deciding that the enemy was trying to hide behind a smoke-screen, ordered fire to be opened, and shells were seen to hit the forefront of the first and second ships.

The ships in the rear vanished down-stream, while one of the ships in front advanced towards the Japanese forces. As it drew near, the British flag was recognized, and the commander gave the order to cease fire. When the ship came alongside, it was discovered to be the Ladybird, a British man-of-war.

At about 10 a.m., the statement declares, one shell was fired in mistake at a ship flying a British flag which was proceeding down-stream. When the ship came alongside, she was identified as the Bee.

Japanese Officer's Pledge

Rear-Admiral R. V. Holt and Mr H. I. Prideaux-Brune, the British Consul at Nanking, with other British officials, met the Japanese commander, who said that the British flag could not be discerned owing to fog and black smoke.

Therefore, the Japanese commander believed that they were enemy vessels.

Furthermore, the statement asserts, "it was the duty of his detachment to sink all enemy vessels on the river."

The British requested the commander not to fire on them, and the commander agreed.

The statement concludes by reiterating that the high commander and all Japanese units did not dream that any third Power vessels would be in the dangerous fighting area.

There were, however, British ships in the fighting area, and these, the document states, were unrecognizable as British owing to a dense fog. Instead, they seemed to be landing Chinese on the river bank. The firing, the statement adds, was entirely unintentional, and the unfortunate affair is sincerely regretted.—Reuter.

FORD IN JAPAN BUYS "INCIDENT BONDS"

Manager Explains Policy of Japanese Company

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Mr. Benjamin Kopf, manager of the Ford Motor Company in Japan, to-day purchased Y.1,000,000 worth of "China Incident Bonds" through the Yokohama Specie Bank.

He explained that the company's business was in Japan and therefore it was a natural and logical purchase. Also, Mr. Kopf said, investment in foreign bonds was virtually impossible under the present exchange control.

The bonds were part of the Government's second issue. It was understood he used the Yokohama Specie Bank instead of the Bank of Japan because it was easier to arrange all the technicalities there.—United Press.

MR. T. KAWAI RETURNING TO SHANGHAI

Tokyo, Dec 28.

Assigned to make an important investigation in Shanghai, the specific nature of which was not divulged, Mr. Tatsuo Kawai, Director of the Bureau of Information of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, will leave Tokyo on December 31 and sail from Kobe on January 2. After consulting with Japanese authorities in Shanghai on matters relating to information service, he will return to Tokyo during the middle of January.—Domei.

Tsingtao Fear Of War Sending Americans Here

U.S.S. Sacramento Brings First Batch from Port

JAPANESE LAND AND SEA ATTACK FEARED NEAR

Tsingtao, Dec. 28.

The first batch of American nationals to evacuate Tsingtao on the advice of the State Department at Washington, sailed for Shanghai this morning in the United States gunboat Sacramento, which carried about 45 passengers.

In view of the Japanese threat to Tsingtao, the Chinese forces on the Shantung Railway are reported to have blown up all bridges in the path of their adversaries.

Down-town Tsingtao, usually teeming with life, now presents a forlorn picture. Many shops have put up their shutters, all the Chinese banks are closed, and very few people are to be seen on the streets. All foreign shops, however, are remaining open.

The city is being very heavily guarded by police armed with muskets, and curfew is still being enforced from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m.

A strict censorship of wireless and cable communications is being imposed by the Chinese authorities.

Observers here believe that the Japanese will converge on Tsingtao by land and sea. It is reliably reported that Weihsien, an important railway town between Tsingtao and Tsinanfu, was bombed on Sunday, and that a bridge on this side of Weihsien has been blown up by the Chinese to delay the advance of the Japanese.

Chinese officials here deny the allegation that they intend blowing up the waterworks. All officials, they say, are to stay at their posts, and the newly-appointed Commissioner of Police, Col. Liao An-pang, will remain in Tsingtao even if Japanese troops reach the city. With this in view, Col. Liao is said to have made his will.

Since the laying of the boom across the harbour, all vessels are staying in the Bay, and passengers wishing to embark are compelled to take sampans. Taking advantage of this, sampan owners are charging as high as $5 per person for a trip from the harbour to the Bay.

Regarding the inclusion of Tsingtao in the Japanese blockade, the manager of a British shipping firm here, interviewed by Reuter, said that it would not alter the shipping situation in Tsingtao, as no Chinese vessels had called here for months.

Despite the tense situation, the foreign community celebrated Christmas as usual. On Christmas night curfew was not enforced until midnight, instead of the usual hour of 7 p.m.—Reuter.

HOLLAND AWAITING ROYAL BABY

Special Awards for All Other Babies Born That Day

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.

Queen Wilhelmina, and Crown Princess Juliana, spent Christmas in the hospital with the Princess's husband, Prince Bernhard.

The condition of the Prince, injured in a motor accident on November 29, continues to be satisfactory and he will probably be removed to Soestdyk Palace this week. Queen Wilhelmina has returned to The Hague.—Reuter.

Honours for Babies

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.

All babies born in Holland on the same day as the Royal Prince or Princess are to receive a silver cup from the Royal House, and all born in January are to be presented with a special gift, it is announced here.

The entire country is now eagerly anticipating the joyous event.

Two hotels have been already completely reserved for foreign press representatives. The post office is making special preparations for handling the unusual mail expected.

The day following the birth has already been declared a national holiday.—Trans-Ocean.

GERMANY GETS OIL FROM GRAPE SEED

Husks as Fodder, Skins for Tartaric Production

Berlin, Dec. 28.

Oil from grape seeds is the latest product of the German laboratories, it is announced here.

Experiments during the last wine season along the Rhine and Mosel have been so successful that over a million litres of grape seed oil are expected to be produced next year.

This newest addition in the German Four-Year Plan will be used principally for household purposes but can also be adapted to technical needs.

Hulls of the seeds after oil has been pressed out, can be used as forage for animals. Grape skins can be utilized to produce tartaric.

Production of grape seed oil and the utilization of grape residues will meanwhile be left to private enterprises but it is predicted a new industry will come into being and that vintners will be given an added source of income by being able to sell what was once a problem to destroy.—Trans-Ocean.

ANTIQUE FRENCH COINS FOUND IN CALAIS

Paris, Dec. 27.

Gold coins bearing the date of 1339 and struck during the reign of King Philip VI of France have been discovered during repairs to an old house in Calais. It is believed the coins, minted by royal edict dated April 15, 1339, were hidden by the owner in the wall of the house when Calais fell into the hands of the English in 1347 and that on the owner's death the treasure was forgotten. The collectors' value of the coins is estimated at about Frs. 1,000,000 in present currency.—Trans-Ocean.

S.M.P. OLD COMRADES ASSOCIATION

Third Annual Luncheon Held at Holborn Restaurant

CABLE OF SYMPATHY SENT TO COMMISSIONER HERE

The third annual luncheon of the Shanghai Police Old Comrades Association was held at the Holborn Restaurant, London, on October 20, Capt. Martin, the founder, presided, with Capt. D. R. Wahl as principal guest. Members present were—Major Hilton Johnson, Messrs. Adams, Beale, Crookdake, Dunne, Givens, Groves, Jackson, Kerrigan, Lilley, Long, Maguire, W. Macgillivray, Mitchell, Martin, Ockwell, Powell, Reeves, Sims, Springfield, Vaughan, Walker, Weatherhead and Webb

After the toast of The King at the conclusion of the lunch the meeting proceeded to formal business. The death of Ernest Ring was announced, the members standing for one minute's silence in respect to his memory.

The President then gave the toast "The Shanghai Municipal Police" and in doing so referred to the trying and strenuous times now being endured by the Force. When the news of the recent dire happenings in Shanghai appeared in the press, our thoughts were centred on the Settlement, on our old friends and colleagues there and how things were faring with the S.M.P. During the present century Shanghai has gone through many anxious times and all present had borne responsibility in major or lesser degree and he felt and knew that all present would and could sympathize with the Acting Commissioner in his most arduous and difficult task. The toast was most enthusiastically received and it was agreed that the following cable be sent to the Acting Commissioner—"Old Comrades following events with sympathy and understanding send warmest greetings confident that prestige of Force is in safe keeping." The following reply was received—"Cable from Old Comrades Association much appreciated. Force weathering storm admirably."

Captain Wahl gave an account of the happenings in Shanghai and his first hand information was very much appreciated.

Capt. Martin was re-elected president for the ensuing year and Mr. T. Crookdake, honorary secretary and treasurer.

The question of Rules of Association were discussed and the president explained that under the existing rules the membership was confined solely to members of the S.M.P. who were in receipt of pension. He would suggest an amendment whereby, under certain conditions, other persons might be enrolled as honorary members. The election or rejection of such persons would be at the sole discretion of the members assembled at the annual tiffin. The innovation was welcomed and the following approved for membership—Dr. Murray, Major Gerrard, Messrs. C. Harpur, Compton and Mr. Williams of Messrs. John Pook & Co.

The President expressed the sorrow of the assembly at the illness of Messrs. Kinipple, and Hermitage and the honorary secretary was directed to communicate to them expressions of regret with hopes of a speedy recovery.

Messages of regret at inability to be present were received from—Messrs. Aiers, Coghlan, Ginnane, Holt, Kinipple, Peck, McKenzie, Mackintosh, Hermitage, Wheeler and Eva.

TRIBUTE TO FORMER COLLEAGUE

Judge Mossop on Death of Mr. G. W. King

A warm tribute to the late Mr. Gilbert Walter King, former Assistant Judge of H. M. Supreme Court in Shanghai, was paid here yesterday by Judge Sir Allan Mossop, Judge Mossop said, prior to a hearing, that before the court proceeded with the business of the day he would like to say a few words regarding the death of Mr. King.

Recalling that the sad news had come to Shanghai during the holidays, Sir Allan said that he was certain that the members of the bar would share with the judges and staff of the court the great sense of loss which was felt at Mr. King's passing.

Mr. King served as Assistant Clerk, Chief Clerk and Assistant Judge over a period of 28 years, Sir Allan recalled, adding that during this time he gave a service that was both loyal and faithful, and at the same time endeared himself to many people in Shanghai with whom he came in contact.

Judge Mossop said that he had personally known Mr. King as a colleague and friend for over 25 years and felt the loss very keenly. On behalf of the judges and staff of the court, he said, he wished to take the opportunity of extending to Mrs. King the sincerest sympathy.

Mr. M. Reader Harris, who was present in connection with the case at hand, arose and replied most appropriately on behalf of the members of the bar.

Mr. King began his career in Shanghai in 1903 and finally retired to England in 1931, after having been Assistant Judge here for about four years.

MUNICIPAL ORCHESTRA AND BAND

The programme for the Symphony Concert in the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday, January 2, 1938, at 5.15 p.m. is as follows:—

Part I
BEETHOVEN
Overture ..... "Coriolano"
Concert Aria "Ah! Perfido!"
Vocalist: JULIA MARKOVSKA
Symphony No. 5 in C minor

Part II
Air from Opera "Louise" ..Charpentier
"Depuis le jour" (E'er since the day)
Vocalist: JULIA MARKOVSKA
Three Excerpts from "Damnation of Faust" ..... Berloz
Conductor: MAESTRO MARIO PACI.

REFUGEE WORK

The daily report for December 27 follows:—

Camps under inspection by Public Health Department	163
Refugees therein	96,806

MEMBERS OF NEW PEIPING GOVERNMENT

Members of the new provisional government formed to take over North China are shown in this photograph taken after the inauguration in Peiping. In the group, reading third from the left are Mr. Wang Ke-min, President of the Administration Committee, Mr. Chiang Chao-tsung, Mayor of Peiping, Mr. Lei Shou-ying, Secretary, and Mr. Tang Erh-ho, President of the Executive Committee.

UNION BREWERY WIN COURT CASE

Dr. Sichler's Claim for Over $52,000 Disallowed

EFFICIENCY EXPERT WHO WAS DISMISSED

A claim for over $52,000, brought by Dr. R. Sichler, German efficiency expert from Berlin, against the Union Brewery, Ltd., was dismissed by Judge A. G. Mossop in H. M. Supreme Court early yesterday afternoon. The claim covered salary from the date of his dismissal from the company to the present month; estimated profits; travelling expenses; and damages for wrongful dismissal. The defendant company's case included a submission that there was no case to answer, it being maintained that the plaintiff's own case was sufficient proof that his dismissal was justified.

Dr. Sichler was represented by Mr. K. E. Newman, of Teesdale, Newman & Co., and the Union Brewery was represented by Mr. M. Reader Harris, of Platt, White-Cooper & Co.

Plaintiff's case was that he was engaged in 1935 by Sir Victor Sassoon and was brought specifically to Shanghai from Berlin, where he had held a number of important appointments, including a responsible position in a large German firm, in order to enquire into possibilities of improving the company's business. He was given a two-year contract which should have expired this month, and was engaged at a monthly salary of $3,000, together with ten per cent. of the profits.

Secret Agreement

In 1936, the Chinese Government made a special 5 per cent. freight discount to native brewers, and Dr. Sichler came to an agreement with certain Chinese in this connection. They were to take over the lease, he would be made both a director and manager of the company, and although his salary was to remain at $3,000 a month, his ten per cent. profit would be guaranteed.

This agreement, however he kept secret, having had trouble with the directors before regarding suggestions and recommendations he had put forward; Dr. Sichler felt that the directors would not consider the proposition.

In March of this year, however, the directors of the defendant company discovered the existence of this agreement, and immediately dismissed him, on the ground that the nature of the agreement itself might tend to prevent any suggestions or recommendations put forward by Dr. Sichler from being strictly impartial or unbiassed.

Dismissal Justified

For the defence, Mr. Reader Harris contended that the directors were justified in their dismissal of Dr. Sichler, "my case having been proved by plaintiff's own statements." The contract, he said, could be broken by the directors if the secret agreement prevented him from being in a position to discharge his duties fairly. It was pointed out that under the new agreement, Dr. Sichler would be given a higher position, and his profits would be guaranteed, which the brewery was not in a position to do.

Yesterday morning was occupied in counsel's argument and the quoting of law on the subject. A verbal judgment in favour of the defendant company was given by Judge Mossop in the afternoon, and the text of this judgment will appear in the "North-China Herald" of January 5, 1938.

BRITAIN CONCEDED NAVAL PRIMACY

U.S. Navy League Compares Relative Strengths

The United States Navy League to-day published an analysis of the world's fleets, listing the British Navy as the world's largest.

When her present building programme is completed, the report said, "Britain will have a decisive superiority over the navy of any other power including the United States."

The analysis ranks the United States as second largest naval power, but "with deficiencies compared to England, and equal to Japan in some classes."

Britain's battleship strength, the report pointed out, totals 474,750 tons compared with 464,300 tons for the United States. The report also pointed out the British superiority over the United States in the aircraft carrier division. Japan and the United States are tied in the number of aircraft carriers, the report pointed out, although American tonnage exceeds that of Japan.—United Press.

Curfew Hours In The Northern Areas

In connection with the opening of the northern areas, it should be pointed out that the Japanese authorities will maintain curfew between the hours of 11.30 p.m., and 5 a.m.

Tokyo's Scheme For North China Economy Fixed

Manchoukuo Trade Organs to Be Debarred Monopoly

FOREIGN CAPITAL ONLY LET IN SUBSIDIARIES

Tokyo, Dec. 20.

Following study and discussion spread over many weeks, the North China Measures Committee consisting of officials of the Planning Board (most powerful administrative organ in Japan) the Army and Navy, the Finance and Foreign ministries and the Manchurian Affairs Bureau, have adopted the fundamental principles which will govern all economic development in North China, since that area has come under Japanese control. The plan will probably be extended to Central China if opportunity offers.

The Committee recommends that the Japanese Government shall set up a powerful corporation to control all undertakings for the development of essential industries in North China.

Most interesting as well as important is that, under the basic principles decided by the North China Measures Committee, neither the South Manchuria Railway Company nor the China Development Company, a Japanese organization, will be allowed to extend their business activity to North China.

This decision is quite contrary to earlier expectations entertained by certain powerful Japanese interests, but the committee is reported to be of the view that the political circumstances in North China are entirely different from those in Manchoukuo, and therefore that the two companies, which are primarily interested in Manchuria, should not take an important part in North China development work.

Fundamental Principles

The fundamental principles adopted to govern the Japanese development of North China are:

1. To establish a special corporation so that all the essential industries of North China may be effectively controlled.
2. His capital structure has not yet been decided but it is understood the corporation will be formed under a scheme involving Sino-Japanese co-operation.
3. The North China development undertakings to be placed under the control of the special corporation to include railways, harbour and port construction, construction of highways, general transportation facilities, telephone and telegraph systems, the electric power industry, and the mining industry (including coal, iron, gold). Enterprises in the spinning industry, cotton growing and all other similar industries are to be free to private concerns.
4. The control corporation will be a holding company, under which many subsidiary corporations will be established under the Sino-Japanese joint plan in various lines.
5. Foreign capital will be invited to take part in these subsidiary corporations.
6. Regarding railway business in China, the proposed special corporation will obtain a franchise from the "Provisional Government of the Republic of China," and, if necessary, a subsidiary railway company may be established in which the South Manchuria Railway may be allowed to invest. The authorities will arrange for the S.M.R. to offer technical and other assistance to the corporation, although the former will not be allowed directly to operate any lines.
7. The coal mining industry will be partially operated by the railway company.
8. No definite decision has been made so far regarding the China Development Company, a subsidiary of the S.M.R., but it is understood that all investments of that company in the electric industry and development works in North China will be taken over by the control Corporation. Naturally, the China Development Company will have to be dissolved and all employees of the company will be transferred to the special control corporation.

Meanwhile it is reported that the Japanese authorities will set up a special government institution in Tokyo, such as a bureau for North China affairs, through which the proposed control corporation may negotiate and consult with the Japanese Government regarding important business affairs involving Japanese interests.—Reuter.

RUSSIA TO RETAIN OWN ALPHABET

Moscow, Dec. 28.

The Central Executive Committee ordered the dissolution of the committee charged with the task of "latinizing" the Russian alphabet. The Russian alphabet is expected to be retained.—Trans-Ocean.

PROGRESS BY TA TAO GOVERNMENT

Police Stations Established In Many Areas

RESIDENTS IN POOTUNG REGISTERING

Smooth progress is being made by the newly-created Great Way City Government in governing a wide area, stretching between Paoshan and Chenju, the "Shanghai United News" reported yesterday.

In the four days preceding December 25, the journal said, this government has opened police stations in Pootung, Nantao, Hungjao, Chapei, Chenju, Woosung and Paoshan.

Petitions have also been received from people in Kaochiao, Tsungming Island, Sungkiang, Quinsan and other outlying areas to take them under the new administration's protective wing.

In Pootung, thousands of villagers congregate daily at the government offices to register their names and occupations.

Mr. Ssu Shih-wen heads the Great Way Government, with Mr. Chu Yu-shen, Mr. Kuo Chih-kiang and Mr. Chang Shu-shen respectively directing the bureaux of Peace Preservation, Social Welfare and Communications.

Especial attention, the daily said, is being paid by the new regime to rehabilitation and social welfare projects.

The activities of the new Government were filmed on December 24 by a Paramount Newsreel cameraman, the journal revealed.

In view of the great daily influx of people interested in the work of the new government, a ferry service has been inaugurated between a wharf next to the Japanese Consulate-General and the Tungchang Road Wharf, Pootung. No Chinese are allowed to land near the Consulate-General.

SHIP RADIOS BARRED IN HONGKONG WATERS

Hongkong, Dec. 28.

The use of ships' radios anywhere in Hongkong waters was prohibited in a new regulation promulgated today by the Hongkong Government. It was understood that the regulation was made due to the fact that the Japanese were using the equipment of the ss. Asame Maru, which went ashore near Hongkong in a typhoon, to communicate between Tokyo and the Japanese Consulate-General in Hongkong.—United Press.

POLISH PRINCE, AGED 67, UNDER GUARDIANSHIP

Warsaw, Dec. 27.

The tribunal in Ostrow Wiekopolski has ordered M. Michel Chlapowski, former Ambassador to Paris, to be the temporary guardian of Prince Michel Radziwill. This was at the request of the Radziwill family who wish to prevent the Prince from marrying his Jewish fiancee, Judith Kichestow. The Prince, who is 67 years old, is at present residing with his prospective bride on the Cote d'Azur.—Havas.

Japan Devises Budget to Cope With Long War

Arms Replenishment to Go with Relief Schemes

BONDS OF Y.694 MILLIONS TO COVER DEFICIENCY

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

The Government to-day distributed to members of the House of Peers and House of Representatives copies of the ordinary Budget Bill for 1938-39.

Next year's Budget has been compiled, a Government spokesman explains, with a view to coping efficiently with the situation arising from long-term hostilities so as to attain the objective of the "punitive expedition against China" by meeting military requirements in materials and funds.

Next year's Budget, he states, pays special attention to:

1. Replenishment of armaments.
2. Military relief and other social welfare works in connection with the "China Incident."
3. Air defence.
4. Development of agricultural resources.
5. Encouragement and promotion of outgoing trade.
6. Encouragement of liquification of coal.
7. Training of technical experts.
8. Development of civil aviation.
9. Earmarking ample funds as reserve to provide for emergency expenditure in connexion with the "China Incident."

Revenue in next year's Budget is estimated at Y.2,867,796,000 against Y.2,908,731,000 of the working budget, including an issue of bonds worth Y.694,163,000. Expenditure is estimated at Y.2,867,796,000 against Y.2,944,686,000 of the working budget. —Reuter.

Treasury Reveals Costs

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

National revenues for the first seven months of the current year, which began on April 1, totalled Y.691,007,000, while expenditures amounted to Y.1,135,524,000, the Treasury revealed to-day.

Considerable gains were registered by tax receipts from the munitions and heavy industries. Postal income for the reviewed seven months was Y.7,445,000 and the profit tax receipts were Y.10,648,000 above the figures for the corresponding period of the 1936-37 fiscal year.—Domei.

THREE YEARS IN PRISON FOR M. L. BARON

Morton Lawrence Baron, the 24-year-old unrecognized American, was sentenced to one and half years' imprisonment on a charge of larceny and further sentenced to two years' imprisonment on charges of false pretences, in the First Special District Court yesterday. The prisoner was to serve in all three years only, the Judge ordered.

NEW LEGITIMIST ORGAN IN VIENNA

Vienna, Dec. 27.

The newly-created Legitimist organization, Iron Legion, made its first public appearance here yesterday when members attended mass at St. Stephen's Cathedral on the occasion of the centenary of Empress Elizabeth's birthday.—Trans-Ocean.

ENGLAND TO GET IRISH MONOPOLY FOR COAL

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Dublin, Dec. 27.

The Ministry of Commerce of the Irish Free State announced to-day that the Free State would continue to give Great Britain the monopoly for coal, and would take 3,113,000 tons for the year ending January 31, 1939.—Reuter.

WEDDING

Keswick-Lindley

The wedding took place at St. Margaret's, Tichborne, on December 9 of Miss Mary Lindley, the youngest daughter of Sir Francis and the Hon. Lady Lindley, of The Weir House, Alresford, Hants, and Mr. William Johnstone Keswick, second son of the late Mr. Henry Keswick and of Mrs. Keswick, of Cowhill Tower, Dumfries. Father Adrian Weld Blundell, great-uncle of the bride, officiated, Mgr. Ronald Knox and Father Albert Lion assisting.

Presents were received from the Duchess of Gloucester, the King and Queen of Norway, and the Prime Minister and Mrs. Chamberlain.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a crinoline dress of white slipper satin and an old Brussels lace veil, arranged over a head-dress of white satin ribbon and orange blossom.

The bridesmaids were Miss Margaret Stirling of Keir, Roderick and Alexander McEwen, Sophie Keswick, Lady Amabel Yorke, Sheila Scott, Judy Buxton, Clare Sanders and Christian McEwen. The pages wore kilts of the McEwen tartan and scarlet buckled shoes, and the bridesmaids had long caped coats of scarlet cloth and scarlet bonnets trimmed with ermine. They carried white ermine muffs.

The Hon. William Astor, M.P., was best man, and Lord Lovat and Capt. McEwen were the ushers.

A reception followed at Longwood House, Winchester, lent by the Earl and Countess of Eldon, cousins of the bride. The guests included:

Mrs. Keswick, Mr. and Mrs. David Keswick, Miss Muriel Keswick, Mr. and Mrs. Eastwood, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Thring, Mrs. Curtis, Gen. and Mrs. Johnston, Hon. Walter Lindley, Hon. Jessie Lindley, Earl and Countess of Hardwicke, Earl and Countess of Eldon and the Hon. Veronica Fraser, Lord and Lady Lovat, Hon. Hugh Fraser, Viscountess Encombe, Hon. Michael and Mrs. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Buxton, Mr. and Mrs. G. Inverness.

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FRENCH POLICE ARREST SIX SUSPECTS

A raid was carried out late Monday night by the French Police on a hotel in Rue de Tourane, in an effort to round up a gang of armed robbers who have been hunted for for some time. Five men were arrested, and a Union pistol, of 7.65 mm. calibre, and seven cartridges were seized. These arrests were followed by the arrest of a sixth suspect in an alleyway off Avenue Foch. The six men are believed to have been connected with two armed robberies in the French Concession and the International Settlement. The police are still following up their investigation.

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FROM DAY TO DAY

MR. E. E. Wallwork of the Monotype Corp., Ltd., returned yesterday by the ss. Conte Rosso.

COPIES of Technical Publications Nos. 6 Series B and 66 Series A, published by the International Tin Research and Development Council have been received at this office.

THE Dah Kong Bank in Ningpo Road, which was closed some time ago, was due to re-open its doors to business yesterday, states a report to the "Social Daily News."

MR. H. Berents, who has been the Municipal Council's appointee on the Land Commission for the past seven years, has been re-appointed by the Council as its representative for the municipal year 1938/9.

THE Great Northern Telegraph Co., Ltd., have the following unclaimed cables in their office:—Carlsen, 278 Hardoon Road from Hongkong; Wangdeisian Post from Harbin and Nielsen, 360 Rue Bourgeat from Aalborg.

MR. Yu Ya-ching, a well-known local shipping magnate and doyen of the Chinese members of the Shanghai Municipal Council, left here for Ningpo by boat on December 26 to attend to some private business, states a report to the "Sin Wen Pao." The aged merchant will return to Shanghai in a few days' time, says the paper.

MR. Chen Hao-ching, head of the department of education for the Chinese in the Shanghai Municipal Council, will give a lecture at the next meeting of the International Club to be held on January 5, 1938, on the subject, "The Problem of Education for 300,000 Refugees in Shanghai," says a report to the "Sin Wen Pao."

THE Commissioner of Public Works, S.M.C., reports that the whole of the Eastern and part of the Northern Districts remained closed throughout November, and no departmental work, other than a reduced cleansing service was carried out. At the Western District Sewage Works all work on the new sedimentation tanks remained suspended owing to the hostilities, access being impossible.

MORE than half of the refugees in the "Jacquinot Zone" have left the zone to enter relief centres opened in Nantao by the Japanese authorities, states a report to the "Hwa Mai Pao." Owing to this decrease in the number of its charges, the International Relief Committee, under whose auspices the zone was opened, has reduced its staff of relief workers by one half.

THERE will be a special meeting of the Shanghai Missionary Association at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, in room 305, Missions Building, 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road. Mr. J. Merle Davis, secretary of the Social and Industrial Research of the International Missionary Council, will speak on "The Church in the Far East." All missionaries here are invited to attend.

THE Shanghai Municipal Council Health Report for the week ending midnight, December 25, shows that the total number of deaths from all causes in the Settlement were—Foreigners 3, and Chinese 1,472. Deaths from notifiable diseases were —Foreigners Tuberculosis 2, Chinese Measles 146; Dysentry 18; Diphtheria 15; Tuberculosis 12; Typhoid Fever 9; Beri-beri 5; and Cholera and Leprosy 1 each.

THE augmented choir of the St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church, which appeared recently with such favour in combination with the Municipal Orchestra, will sing a programme to-night in the hall of the French Municipal School. Under the leadership of I. A. Kolchin, and preceded by a 15-minute lecture on aspects of the concert, they will render, unaccompanied, a variety of church chorals.

THE Reading Society under the auspices of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Shanghai, which has done yeoman service in cultivating the habit of studying among local student and vocational circles for a number of years, has recently been dissolved, states a message to the "Shih Tai Wan Pao." Dissolution is learnt to have followed "advice" given by the authorities of the French Concession.

MR. Li Shih-hao, former Minister of Finance under the Peking Government and a prominent member of the pro-Japanese Anfu Party who has recently joined the "Provisional Government" in Peiping, has already arrived in Shanghai from North China in connection with Japanese plans for the establishment of a new political regime for districts in Kiangsu and Chekiang now under their military occupation, says a special report to the "Ta Wan Pao."

A MOVEMENT is afoot among foreign residents in Ningpo for the creation of refugees' zones in Ningpo and Shaohsing, states a Chinese report to the "Hwa Mei Pao." These two districts, it has been pointed out by these foreigners, possess no military importance, but will be much needed to give shelter to refugees fleeing the war zone in Chekiang province. With the fall of Hangchow, they state, such a need has become all the more pressing. Delegates of the foreign community in Ningpo, it is learnt, have already arrived in Shanghai to conduct negotiations with Japanese authorities on this project.

OSLO CONVENTION TO MEET SOON

The Hague, Dec. 28.

Representatives of the member states of the Oslo Convention are to convene in Copenhagen on January 17, according to the "Algemeen Handelsblad." The conference was originally set for October but was twice postponed.—Trans-Ocean.

AIR LINER CRASHES IN BOHEMIAN FOREST

Vienna, Dec. 27.

The Air France liner Famyd crashed to-day while en route to Vienna from Prague. All those aboard, the pilot, the wireless operator and one passenger, were killed. The scene was the Bohemian Forest, well off the Famyd's route. An enquiry into why the pilot changed direction is now in progress.—Reuter.

Large Central American Area Hit by 'Quake

Scanty News Hints Havoc in Three Republics

MEXICO FEELS BRUNT OF VIOLENT TREMORS

Mexico City, Dec. 27.

A violent earthquake, with its epicenter approximately 200 miles south-east, occurred to-day. The quake was of destructive proportions.—United Press.

San Salvador Border Rocked

San Salvador, Dec. 27.

A severe earthquake jolted at least seven towns along the western frontier last night, according to fragmentary reports reaching here this morning. At least one person was dead and severe property damage was reported to have been inflicted. The quake apparently centered along the Sierra Apaneca range. Chief damage was suffered at Ahuachapan.—United Press.

Guatemala Suffers

Boston, Dec. 27.

According to messages received here by the head office of the United Fruit Company, from its branch in Guatemala, several villages were destroyed there yesterday by an earthquake. The villages of Aguacheqan and Antiquieya near the Honduras-Guatemala frontier were among those destroyed. Several people were injured, while only one is reported to have been killed. The messages added that light tremors were felt again at 6.52 p.m. G.M.T time.—Havas.

"ASAHI" PLEASED AT SETTLEMENT

Japan Resolved To Respect Foreign Interests

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Settlement of the Panay incident within a fortnight without serious trouble is a matter for congratulation not merely for Japan but also for the United States, declares the "Asahi Shimbun" in an editorial to-day.

The affair, the newspaper states, could not have been so easily settled if there had been no sincerity between the governments and public opinions of the two countries.

The Japanese Government, military and people, the "Asahi" continues, are united in their determination to respect the rights and interests of foreign Powers in China.

"There have been numerous instances," it asserts, "in which Japanese forces, operating in areas where such interests exist, have gone far out of their way to observe them."

This policy, the newspaper adds, has not been affected by the Panay affair, but will only be maintained with added care.—Reuter.

OSAKA BUSINESSMEN TO BUY SHIP

Japanese River Gunboat to Replace U.S.S. Panay

Osaka, Dec. 28.

The United States Navy may soon possess a Japanese-built gunboat, if the plan proposed to-day by a group or local businessmen and industrialists is realized.

Calling on Rear-Admiral Iori Matsuzaki, in charge of the Navy's ordnance and ship-building projects here, Mr. Hajime Ohnishi, President of the Osaka Wire-Netting Manufacturing Company, offered on behalf of various local civic and busines groups to pay for the construction of a river gunboat to replace the U.S.S. Panay, sunk by Japanese bombs near Nanking on Dec. 12.

The project, Mr. Ohnishi revealed, is backed by a number of organizations, including the Shipbuilders' Association and the Japan-America Societies. A meeting will soon be called, he added, to discuss the details of the plan, which is intended to indicate the popular sympathy for the United States. Later this week, the project will be submitted for consideration to the Gaimusho.—Domei.

FOUR ARMED ROBBERIES IN SETTLEMENT

Four armed robberies and an attempted robbery were committed in the Settlement yesterday. The first was an attempt made by three men, one of whom was armed, to loot 18/488 Weihaiwei Road at 7.30 a.m. An alarm having been raised, the men left without stealing anything. At 10 a.m., four gunmen invaded 14 Pah Loh Li, Tifeng Road, and decamped with a quantity of jewellery and clothing. Three were staged in the afternoon, between 6 and 7.35 o'clock, at 601 Ferry Road, an unnumbered house off Ferry Road, near Macao Road, and 242A, Lane No. 391, Haiphong Road, respectively. The last place was broken into by nine men, three armed, who stole $300 and escaped.

CHIMP AND GIRAFFE BORN IN LONDON ZOO

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 27.

The festive season was marked at the Zoological Gardens by the birth of a female chimpanzee, named Noel, on Christmas Day, and at the Whipsnade Zoological Park by the birth of a giraffe, on Boxing Day. The giraffe, believed to be a female and not yet named, is five feet, two inches in height. It is the first giraffe to be born in England since 1914. Both mothers and babies are doing well.—Reuter.

FLYING-BOAT COMPLETES EGYPT-ENGLAND TRIP

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 27.

The Imperial Airways flying-boat Cordelia, bound for England from Alexandria, arrived in Southampton to-day. The Cordelia is carrying one passenger and mails.—Reuter.

KING LEOPOLD IN FINSBURY

King Leopold of the Belgians photographed with Lord Northampton in the dispensary during his visit last month to the Finsbury Dispensary, Goswell Road, London.

PRELATES ARRESTED IN RUSSIA

Further Purges Likely in Communications Posts

DIPLOMAT FORMERLY IN WARSAW IS SHOT

Moscow, Dec. 28.

Bishop Theophan, several clergymen and members of the church administration, were arrested yesterday in Corkij, formerly Nishni-Nowgorod. They were charged with having founded a union carrying out acts of sabotage.—Trans-Ocean.

Moscow, Dec. 27.

Further purges are expected now that the journal, "Goudok," official organ of the Commissariat of Communications, reveals a new "band of enemies of the people" which quashed critics and prevented honest workers to unmask "saboteurs and spies." This band is said to include M. Progrevinski, former chief of a party organization; M. Vakhrouchev, former party Commissar at the Commissariat of Transports, M. Bouykhovski, former assistant-chief of the political section at the same Commissariat; and two others. M. Dolmatov, chief editor of the "Bolshevik Transporta," and his coworkers covered the activities of these enemies of the people. Also, says "goupek," a group of students of technical institutes complain of insufficient elimination from the central government.—Havas.

Official Executed

Warsaw, Dec. 28.

The former Counsellor of the Soviet Embassy here, M. Kociubinski, has been executed in Moscow following charges brought against him of anti-revolutionary activity and of complicity in an attempt on the life on M. Stalin, according to a Moscow despatch to the "Kurier Warzawski." M. Kociubinski was at one time vice-president of the People's Commissariat for Ukraine.—Trans-Ocean.

Shantung Drive Proceeds After Fall Of Tsinan

(Continued from page 5)

the Japanese forces there is so precarious that the Chinese troops "could recapture the city whenever they wish."

The Chinese, however, are stated to be making no attempt to attack Wuhu at present. Instead, they are said to be busily occupied with preparations for a decisive counter-offensive on a large scale, which they expect to be able to launch in a month or two.—Reuter.

Hankow Comment

With the fall of Tsinan, the Japanese advance in the province of Shantung has entered a new stage and military observers anticipate that the port of Tsingtao will soon share the fate of Tsinan. Although the official Chinese spokesman was not yet in a position this afternoon to confirm the fall of Tsinan, he nevertheless admitted the possibility of the town's capture in view of the technical superiority of the Japanese forces. Reports have been confirmed here that the Japanese have already landed troops in the vicinity of Tsingtao so that a simultaneous attack on the town by sea and on land may be expected. After the capture of Tsingtao, it is believed here, the important railway junction of Hsuchow on the Tientsin-Pukow railway on the southern side of the Shantung border will be the next objective of the Japanese advance to the south.—Trans-Ocean.

PENGPU AERODROME BOMBED

Dummy Planes Fail to Deceive Japanese Pilots

Ignoring six dummy aeroplanes found "planted" on the aerodrome at Pengpu, Anhwei province, Japanese naval aircraft on Monday bombed the field and hangars, a Japanese naval spokesman announced yesterday morning.

Aerial raids were also conducted against the aerodromes of Anking, capital of Anhwei, and Namyung, in northern Kwangtung.

Railway freight cars and bridges at Yingtak, on the much-bombed Canton-Hankow Railway, were also subjected to aerial punishment..

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Japanese Hope Chinese Will Alter Their Policies

GENERAL MATSUI GIVES HIS VIEWS

Japan will give the Chinese Government sufficient time to change its attitude, but if anti-Japanese policies are continued Japanese troops may find it necessary to advance to Hankow and Chungking, declared General Iwane Matsui, Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Central China, in an interview with newspaper men yesterday afternoon. It was General Matsui's first interview granted to the press since the fall of Nanking.

His statement regarding a possible extension of the Japanese drive to Chungking was a reiteration of a declaration in a newspaper interview of several weeks ago.

Outlining his views on the China policy to be followed by the Japanese Government in the future, General Matsui said that Japan may repudiate the National Government if China's present policies are not altered.

"No Territorial Ambitions"

General Matsui emphasized that Japan "has no territorial ambitions in China and is sacrificing so much only for the purpose of establishing peace in the Far East."

RARE STAMPS TO BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION

London, Dec. 28.

The famous stamp collection of the late Mr. William Crocker of San Francisco, arrived here for sale by public auction. This extremely valuable collection was most carefully-guarded and had been insured by Lloyds for £60,000. The prize piece is a blue 4d. stamp of British Guinea, issued in 1856 and valued by philatelist catalogues at £2,000.—Trans-Ocean.

SHANGHAI WOMAN ROBBED IN SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Dec. 28.

Mrs. Harriett Dabelstein, long a resident of Shanghai and who evacuated on the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities, was choked and robbed of $48 by an unidentified person who entered her hotel room through a window, local police reported to-day.—United Press.

ITALIAN LABOUR HIRED BY GERMANY

Rome, Dec. 27.

Thirty thousand labourers from the Po valley will leave for Germany shortly, it was officially announced here to-day. These labourers will do similar work as was done in the reclamation of the Pontine Marshes in Italy.—Havas.

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS TO TOUR EUROPE

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 27.

A party of 70 students from South African Universities has arrived for a six weeks' tour of England and the Continent. The party is being entertained during its stay by various student unions.—Reuter.

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Prince Seif al Islam Husan Ahmed, son of the King of the Yemen, will broadcast before the news bulletin. Four other messages of greeting will be broadcast from the Egyptian Minister (read in his absence in Egypt by the head of the Egyptian Embassy); the Minister from Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Hafiz Waba; the Minister from Iran, Hussein Ala, and Lt.-Col. Sir Bernard Reilly, the Governor of Aden.

From January 4 onwards, the transmissions will be regularly broadcast at the same time, preceded from 5.20 p.m. by the normal short-wave programme with announcements in Arabic.—Reuter.

PALESTINE BORDER BEING WATCHED

Arab Bands Seeking Caches of Arms from Syria

Jerusalem, Dec. 27.

Many clashes between British troops and rebel bands occurred today in northern Palestine. The Syrian frontier between Matuala and Nakura is now being closely watched because several armed bands, having concealed their arms in the ground, are now trying to cross the border. British troops are trying to free the territory of the menace of armed gangs.

At a meeting of high personalities of Galilee at Nazareth, a severe warning was given and they were asked to reveal the names of terrorists living in their villages, or else strong measures would be taken against them.

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"Giornale d'Italia" Praises Japanese Aspirations

Rome, Dec. 27.

Because of the recent visits to Italy of Baron Okura and other distinguished Japanese personalities, the Italian Government has decided to send to Japan a mission of "study and friendship," composed of "representatives of all forces of the regime."

In commenting on this decision to day, Signor Virginio Gayda, editor of the "Giornale d'Italia," Signor Mussolini's mouthpiece, supports Japan's claims to build up her naval strength to the level of the British and American navies.

Attacks against the British policy in Palestine and the Far East again make their appearance in the Italian newspapers after the Christmas pause.—Reuter.

JEWS HELD IN GERMANY FOR KOSHER MEAT SALE

Frankfort-on-Main, Dec. 28.

A number of Jews was arrested to-day when the German criminal police unearthed a large illegal trade in kosher meat between Berlin and Frankfort-on-Main since 1935. The meat distributed to Jewish butchers in Frankfort is reported to have amounted to as high as six to eight hundred pounds a day.—Reuter.

TERUEL DEFENDERS ALMOST LOST

British Ambassador to Spain May Retire Shortly

Barcelona, Dec. 27.

Republican troops have occupied the infantry barracks at Teruel, the Nationalist stronghold in north-eastern Spain, and the defenders, who gave way, are now confined in the seminary and civil government buildings. Both structures are reported to be in flames. There are some 2,000 persons in the seminary.—Reuter.

French Ship Stopped

Barcelona, Dec. 27.

It is reported here that the French merchant vessel, Yolande had been stopped off Catalonia by two Spanish Nationalist warships. The report adds that under instructions from the men of war, the Yolande was forced to head for Majorca.—Havas.

Torpedoboat Mined

Paris, Dec. 28.

The Spanish Republican torpedoboat Mendez Nunez struck a mine in the Mediterranean and sank, according to an unconfirmed despatch to the paper "L'Epoque."—Trans-Ocean.

H.M. Envoy May Retire

London, Dec. 28.

The British Ambassador to Spain, Sir Henry Chilton, who is now staying at Hendaye on the French border, may retire shortly, it is believed here, and a successor will not be appointed.

His retirement is normal as he reached the age limit on October 15 this year. That he will not be replaced is probably to be linked to the recent nomination of Sir Robert Hodgson as British representative at Salamanca.—Havas.

FIRE IN TRAIN NEAR MOJI TAKES TOLL

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

Seven people died and 34 were injured in a fire in a semi-express train near Moji, in Kyushu, yesterday afternoon. A burning cigarette set alight a package of celluloid toys. Two carriages were completely destroyed.—Reuter.

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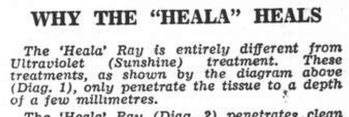
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Football at Home Provides Many Surprises

BRENTFORD REMAIN ON THE CREST

Stoke Defeat Fishermen With Ease Then Draw

RESULTS SHOW LITTLE CONSISTENCY

By "Scrutator"

The soccer games played over the Christmas holidays in England proved just how difficult it is to weigh up football form at home. On Christmas Day Stoke visited Grimsby and defeated the Fishermen with ease, and in the return fixture at Stoke the homesters could only draw.

Brentford took four points from Manchester City winning on Christmas Day at Manchester by two clear goals and at home by the odd goal in three, to remain leaders of the first Division.

Bolton W. lost ground in the Championship race as the result of being defeated at Derby. The Christmas Day game was abandoned. Leeds retain second place in spite of being defeated at Middlesbrough on Boxing Day.

In the Second Division, Sheffield United improved their position by defeating Coventry City at home, and then gaining a point at Coventry. Aston Villa, who were not engaged on Christmas Day, defeated Bradford away from home.

Tottenham visited Bury on Christmas Day to win by the odd goal in three; the Lancastrians took ample revenge by taking two points at White Hart Lane.

Plymouth Argyle go into bottom place; they lost at home to Sheffield Wednesday, but managed to hold a point at Sheffield, Fulham however gained two points as the result of defeating Burnley.

Many Reversals

In the Northern Division we also had some reversals of Christmas Day results. Wrexham won both the games played against Barrow. Tranmere Rovers obtained the maximum points to take the leadership. Doncaster Rovers drew at Carlisle and then lost at home. Hull City improved their Championship prospects by taking four points from Darlington. Accrington defeated Rochdale on the latter's ground, only to be defeated at home in the return game. Chester lost ground, being defeated at home and then losing at Rotherham. Gateshead only managed to obtain one point from their two games with York City.

In the Scottish League Celtic took the leadership as the result of defeating Kilmarnock by eight goals. Hearts went down at Cathkin to the "Warriors" by three clear goals, a result unexpected in view of the recent form shown by the Tynecastle brigade. St. Mirren were also on the target, beating the much improved Clyde by six goals to one. Arbroath gained both points from their visit to Ayr. Morton who are at the bottom of the league managed to gain a valuable point from Dundee.

Queen's Park the famous amateur side are dropping into the lower zone, although fourth from the bottom, Ayr having two games in hand of the Queen's. In the Second Division, Raith Rovers dropped a point to Dundee, whilst Dumbarton's chances of promotion are fading as the result of their defeat by Stenhousemuir. Dunfermline, and Albion Rovers both gained away victories, whilst Airdrie gained two points at home. St. Bernards who are also hanging on to the leaders, visited Alloa and garnered both points.

The results of the Boxing Day Home soccer matches, which appeared only in the later editions of the "North-China Daily News" yesterday, follow:

English League

First Division

Arsenal 2, Blackpool 1
Birmingham 2, Liverpool 2
Brentford 2, Manchester City 1
Charlton Athletic 3, Chelsea 1
Derby County 4, Bolton W. 2
Everton 3, Leicester City 0
Huddersfield T. 1, Sunderland 1
Middlesbrough 2, Leeds United 0
Preston N. End 1, Portsmouth 1
Stoke City 1, Grimsby Town 1
West Brom A. 2, Wolverhampton W. 2

2nd Division

Barnsley 3, Luton Town 1
Bradford 1, Aston Villa 2
Chesterfield 3, Blackburn R. 0
Coventry C. 2, Sheffield U. 2
Fulham 2, Burnley 1
Manchester U. 4, Nottingham F. 3
Norwich City, 2, West Ham U. 2
Sheffield W. 1, Plymouth A. 1
Stockport C. 2, Newcastle U. 2
(When abandoned after 76 min.)
Swansea Town 0, Southampton 0
Tottenham Hotspur 1, Bury 3

3rd Division (South)

Aldershot 2, Millwall 1
Brighton & H. A. 2, Clapton Orient 1
Bristol C. 1, Northampton T. 0
Cardiff City 4, Mansfield Town 1
Exeter City 2, Crystal Palace 2
Newport County 0, Watford 0
Southend U. 2, Queen's Park R. 1
Notts County 1, Gillingham 0
Swindon Town 0, Reading 0
Torquay United 0, Bournemouth & B. A. 0
Walsall 5, Bristol Rovers 2

3rd Division (North)

Accrington S. 0, Rochdale 1
Crew Alexandra 2, Hartlepools 0
Doncaster R. 1, Carlisle U. 3
Halifax Town 1, Southport 1
Hull City 4, Darlington 0
Lincoln City 1, Port Vale 0
Oldham A. New Brighton (postponed)
Rotherham U. 4, Chester 1
Trammere R. 2, Bradford C. 1
Wrexham 3, Barrow 2
York City 5, Gateshead 1

—Reuter.

HOME RUGBY UNION RESULTS

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 27.

The following are the results of the Rugby Union Matches played today:—

Bath 16, Old Blues 3
Bedford 27, Old Paulines 11
Blackheath 20, Sale 13
Bristol 16, Pontypool 3
Coventry 3, Waterloo 8
Gloucester 29, O.M.T. 3
Leicester 16, Birkenhead Park 11
Llanelly 17, London Welsh 8
Northampton 35, Penarth 3
Richmond 3, Harlequins 8
Torquay A. 6, Plymouth Albion 3
W. of Scotland 4, London Scottish 28
Old Cranleighans 28, Merchistonians 0
Aberavon 32, Crosskeys 3
Cardiff 24, London Irish 3
Manchester 11, Headingley 8
Neath 34, Abertillery 0
Newport 13, Watsonians 6
Swansea 20, Universities A. U. 0.

—Reuter.

WHEN THE FOOTBALL CLUB UPSET PREDICTIONS

A hot melee is seen in the local soccer match in which the Shanghai Football Club held the more fancied St. Francis Xavier team to a draw of 1-1 at the Race Course on Sunday.

BASKETBALL AT THE FOREIGN "Y"

Three Junior Division Games Played

Three junior league matches marked last night's programme in the Invitation Basketball League at the Foreign Y.M.C.A. The encounter between Kuo Kwang and Blues proved a centre of attraction and resulted in the former winning by a score of 33-27. The display of Kuo Kwang further indicated their prospects for the championship and it looked as if the team is going to remain unbeaten.

The winners were well served by Y. M. Liang, formerly a sharp-shooter in Chih Tze University, and jumped into an early lead through better teamplay. The Blues strove hard to retaliate but failed in their endeavour and were left behind at a count of 13-11 during the interval. In the second half, the victors continued to maintain a distinct upperhand and reeled off to a finish by a difference of six points.

Kuo Kwang

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Liang	6	0	1	12
Chang	0	0	0	0
Kao	3	2	4	8
Lieu	1	1	1	3
Wong	0	1	1	1
Sung	1	1	0	3
Lee	3	0	1	6
Yang	0	0	0	0
	14	5	8	33

Blues

Chen	1	1	1	3
Sung	0	0	0	0
Wei	1	0	0	2
Kiang	5	0	1	10
Jui	0	0	2	0
Li	1	0	0	2
Koo	0	2	0	2
Zung	4	0	1	8
	12	3	5	27

Giants Win

In the second match, the Foreign Y.M.C.A. Giants succeeded to outscore the Zero cagers 40-15. The Giants began well. At the end of the first period the tally stood 21-10 in favour of the winners who were at no time in real danger of being overcome.

The third tussle resulted in the Unions winning from Sokol by 34-12. The Chinese showed speed and more clever courtcraft, weaving in and out of the Russian defence quite successfully. The opening period ended with the winners leading by 19-6. Following are the summaries:—

Foreign "Y" Giants

	fg.	ft.	f.	pts.
Elrich	4	0	0	8
Jacob	0	0	0	0
Yaron	2	0	1	4
Pure	0	0	0	0
Bills	7	2	0	16
N. Soskin	2	1	1	5
I. Soskin	3	0	1	6
Goobanoff	0	1	0	1
Karimiroff	0	0	0	0
	18	4	3	40

Zero

Tsu	3	0	2	6
Sung	0	0	1	0
Tseu	0	0	0	0
Yui	1	0	1	2
Lu	0	1	0	1
Lieu	1	1	1	3
Hwang	1	1	0	3
Zung	0	0	0	0
	6	3	5	15

Union

Tsang	3	0	1	6
Tseu	1	0	1	2
Taio	0	2	0	2
Loo	7	3	0	17
Woo	2	0	1	4
Kyung	0	1	0	1
Doong	0	0	0	0
Liang	1	0	1	2
	14	6	4	34

Sokol

Korenevsky	0	0	0	0
Lubkoff	0	1	0	1
Chookantzeg	0	0	1	0
Komar	4	0	2	8
Guinkh	1	0	4	2
Markintenant	0	1	1	1
	5	2	8	12

WEEK-END SOCCER FIXTURES

Saturday

Junior Cup Semi-Finals.—Area Details *v.* F.Y.M.C.A. R.G.1—2.30 p.m.; P.T.H. *v.* Vitiaz R.G.—2.30 p.m.
2nd division.—U.T.P. *v.* B.M.P. Kiaochow; Brit. Navy *v.* French Forces R.G.5.

Sunday

Special Match.—Registered Referees *v* Press XI Canidrome 10.30 a.m.
1st division.—Loyals *v.* Lusitano Kiaochow; S.F.C. *v.* Sokol R.G.1; S.F.X.A.A. *v.* R.W.F. R.G.2.
Reserve division.—S.R.C. *v.* Loyals S.R.C.; Sokol *v.* S.M.P. R.G.5.

Monday

1st division.—A.S.F. *v.* D.L.I. Canidrome 10.30 a.m.; S.M.P. *v.* S.R.C. R.G.2.
Reserve division.—R.W.F. *v.* D.L.I. R.G.5; S.F.C. *v.* S.F.X.A.A. R.G.1; Lusitano *v.* A.S.F. S.R.C.

Islington Corinthians F.C., are to visit Canada and U.S.A. in April to play several games on the Pacific Coast.

Charity Soccer Match Nets Over $1,800

It was announced yesterday that the total receipts in connection with the Marine Engineers Charity Soccer Match played on Christmas Day, exceeded $1,800. Because a number of tickets have not yet been returned, it is not yet possible to give an exact accounting. As soon as possible, however, the funds will be distributed to charity.

MAPLE LEAFS TAKE ICE HOCKEY LEAD

Toronto Men Sweep Aside Best Opposition

New York, Dec. 27.

Toronto's Maple Leafs to-day headed the International Division of the National Ice Hockey League following their brilliant 3-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings yesterday.

The Leafs were followed by the New York Americans, who were bracketed with the Montreal Les Canadiens.

Virtual league leaders from the start of the season, the Leafs yesterday assumed complete control in their division after outclassing the Red Wings, holders of practically every hockey championship cup. The Stanley Cup holders, however, have not been faring well this season. Although they offered the Leafs plenty of opposition, the sweeping movements of the Toronto stars and their clever criss-cross passing tactics were too much to cope with.

Brilliant Feat

Probably the outstanding feat yesterday was the triumph of the N.Y. Americans. The "Amerks" climbed out of their recent slump and severed the five-game winning chain of the Boston Bruins. The "Amerks" defeated the Bears in convincing style, 3 to 1, lifting themselves into the second berth and once again offering the Leafs a threat.

The Chicago Black Hawks also revealed better form than they have flashed in their most recent games and they whipped the powerful, youthful and fast-skating Rangers, also by 3 to 1.

One of the weakest of teams, the Black Hawks again showed that they have the aid of Dame Fortune when it comes to a clash with the Patrickmen. The Stewartmen walloped the Blueshirts in their first engagement of the season after being beaten by practically all other squads.

Once again Mike Karakas had much to do with the Hawk victory. The star goalie was in fine fettle and brought off save after save to break the morale of the Blueshirts.

In an amateur game, the Syracuse Stars walloped the New Haven Eagles, 4 to 2. —United Press.

MOTORCYCLE RACES TO GERMANS

Win Australian Tourist Trophy Handsomely

Adelaide, Dec. 28.

The small town of Lobethal, near Adelaide, was the centre of the big motorcycle race for the South Australian Tourist Trophy yesterday.

For the first time in the history of this event, a German rider and a German machine took part. The German motorcyclist Ewald Kluge, Chemnitz, on his 250 cubic centimetre DKW machine, scored in impressive victory. With an average of 128 kilometres p.h., Kluge won the race in a new record time. The Australian Frederick, who also used a German DKW machine, took second place.

Still more interesting was the fight in the 350 cubic centimetre class where the German driver competed with the same 250 cubic centimetre motorcycle against stronger English machines. The contest was also won by Kluge who was followed by the Englishman Foster. Frederick, on DKW, took third place.—Trans-Ocean.

BIG RUGGER PLANS FOR NEW YEAR

United Services' Powerful XV Against S.R.U.F.C.

U.S. MARINES TO BATTLE DURHAMS

Another big rugger programme has been arranged for the New Year holidays with the contest of chief importance coming on Monday, January 3, when the 1st XV of the S.R.U.F.C. will meet the United Services at the Canidrome, beginning at 2 p.m. As the combined services have such a wealth of material from which to draw, the Club will be pitted against the toughest kind of opposition and will have to play better than ever before this season to emerge on top. A big crowd is sure to be on hand to enjoy one of the sports classics of Shanghai.

Four rugger matches have been arranged for Sunday, January 2, and of these, the game between the U.S. Marines 1st XV and the Durham Light Infantry immediately attracts attention. The Marines made a promising debut on Boxing Day when they defeated a Club XV in impressive style. At the same time, the Durhams were again emphasizing their worth by overpowering the Club's senior team. How the Marines will shape against such competition as the Durhams can produce is a question likely to draw a sizeable crowd to the Race Course. The Britons will be favoured to win largely because of the relative inexperience of the American side, but a good game is expected.

The other three matches on Sunday will be of relatively minor importance but should produce some interesting rugger. Following are the New Year holiday fixtures and teams. The four matches to be played on Sunday will all be on the Race Course.

Fixtures

Sunday

2.15 p.m.—A Club XV (Mr. Mabb) *v.* Area Details. Referee E. S. Barraclough.
2.15 p.m.—A Club XV (Mr. Mills) *v.* Royal Welch Fus. 2nd. Referee R. D. K. Silby.
3.15 p.m.—U.S. Marines 1st *v.* Durham L. I. Referee L. W. Walkinshaw.
3.15 p.m.—A Club XV (Mr. Aiers) *v.* U.S. Marines 2nd. Referee Capt. T. G. Rennie.

Monday

3 p.m.—S.R.U.F.C. 1st XV *v.* United Services. Referee G. D. Nicholl.

Teams

S.R.U.F.C. 1st XV.—A. G. White, G. S. McGill, W. B. H. Rigg, A. Thomas, G. Bastian, R. H. Roe (Capt.), J. A. McGregor, W. D. Pearson, I. M. Macrae, R. A. O. Mayne, Gordon Brown, A. M. Kennedy, W. J. Richmond, F. R. Burch, S. A. Wallace.
Club XV (Mr. Mills)—W. V. K. Chadwick, G. M. Mills (capt.) A. D. Sayle, A. S. Read, I. M. Hutchison, B. R. Brown, P. de Beaumont, J. R. M. Warner, J. F. Burford, R. J. M. Mackay, N. Hicks, R. Monnot, A./L.A. Bonbernard, G. J. P. Carey, P. Pender Cudlip.
Club XV (Mr. Mabb)—W. P. Hetherington, L. R. Hocking, I. F. Aucott, B. H. MacMichael, C. J. Guignard, R. N. Bryant, P. F. G. Wilson, D. D. Henchman, M. N. Speyer, J. D. Sayle, A. Mabb, L. D. M. Beattie, C. H. Hodgman, G. A. Yanus, N. W. M. Harris.
Club XV (Mr. Aiers)—L.D.L.I. Full Back, S. M. Thornley, K. R. Aiers (capt. R. L. Lucas, N. W. H. Gray, R. A. Josceiyne, G. E. Bennett, J. March, K. J. Larby, P. D. Legge, A. Hartley, 4 D.L.I. Forwards.

Those unable to play are requested to notify the hon. team secretary (Mr. P. A. Laroche 10329/74856) as soon as possible.

United Services XV.—Sub. Lt. A. Gray (H.M.S. Folkestone), L/cpl. Jones (R.W.F.), L/cpl. Thomas (R.W.F.), Fus. Floyd (R.W.F.), E. R. A. Docherty (H.M.S. Folkestone) L/cpl. Bruton (R.W.F.), Capt. J. R. Cole (Loyal Rgt.) Capt., cpl. Bebb (R.W.F.), L/cpl. Beddon (D.L.I.), Fus. Eagle (R.W.F.) Surgeon Lt. T. M. A. Drysdale (H.M.S. Folkestone), Lieut. T. A. C. Pritchard (R.W.F.), Lieut. P. H. M. May (D.L.I.), Fus. Morgan (R.W.F.), Pte. Goulding (Loyal Regt.).

OUTSTANDING FISTIC EVENTS OF 1937

Sports Editors, Writers Vote on the Subject

New York, Dec. 27.

"Ring" magazine to-day listed the outstanding pugilistic events of 1937 as voted upon by sports editors and writers in all parts of the world. The events, in their order of importance, were listed as follows:

1. Acquisition of the world's heavyweight crown by Joe Louis, Detroit's "Brown Bomber," by knocking out Jim Braddock, former champion.
2. The year's record of Henry "Hurricane" Armstrong, leading featherweight and lightweight, who scored 26 knockouts in 27 bouts. Louis and Armstrong, both negroes, were named "outstanding performers" of the year in the same poll.
3. Jim Braddock's "run-out" on a scheduled bout for the championship with Max Schmeling of Germany.
4. The return of Britain to a commanding position in the realms of "Fistiana." Britain's ring stock mounted behind the smashing fists of Tommy Farr, Empire champion who is ranked as third best heavyweight by "Ring."
5.—Benny Lynch's defeat of Small Montana, thereby acquiring the flyweight crown; also Harry Jeffra's lifting of the bantamweight crown from the brow of Sixto Escobar.
6.—The position which Mike Jacobs attained in the world of puglism.
7.—Jacobs' "Carnival of Champions" at which three world's champions appeared on the same card for the first time in history.
8.—Ted Adamick's knockout victory over Maxey Rosenbloom in the heavyweight division.
9.—The performance of Barney Ross in retaining his welterweight title despite the determined bid of Ceferino Garcia.
10.—Tommy Farr's performance against Joe Louis.—United Press.

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SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Nov. 21.

To be received by one King is overwhelming enough for most people. To be received by two at once, as Miss Jean Batten, the young New Zealand air woman recently, must be almost a record. King Leopold of Belgium was very anxious to meet her, so she was sent for to Buckingham Palace. In an interview afterwards with the "Daily Telegraph" Miss Batten said:

"The Queen met me. Her wonderful graciousness put me at ease immediately.

"She led me to her private apartments, where she presented me to King George and King Leopold.

"King George amazed me with his profound technical knowledge of aviation. I was very flattered to find that he was familiar with the mechanical details of my plane.

"Both the King and Queen were particularly interested in my experiences during my flight to New Zealand last year. This was the first through flight to that country from England.

"King George said that it interested them not only because it was their farthest Dominion, but because they had been there as Duke and Duchess of York ten years ago. His Majesty said he would never forget the enthusiastic reception which they received.

"I was there myself. Although only in my 'teens at the time, I well remember their arrival.

"King Leopold seemed to know everything about my flights. He even knew the times of the records I have set up."

The New Zealand Society of London gave a reception for Miss Batten. The crowd was so great that few people could see her till she stood up to speak. She gave a vivid account of her battle with wind and rain over the Mediterranean. When she reached Rome she could not see the ground although she knew she was within 50ft. of it, and remembering the many wireless masts about the city, she flew off to Naples.

The Ostend Air Disaster

The reference to wireless masts leads one to an obvious question in connection with the tragedy at Ostend in which the Prince of Hesse and his family were wiped out. That is, why have an aerodrome where there are factory chimneys which a pilot may hit in a fog?

The question also of the Ostend station's freedom, or otherwise, to take independent action in warning a pilot not to attempt to land, may also well arise.

But the principal lesson is, after all, what we all knew before, namely that no practice in blind flying or elaborate instruments to guide the pilot can make flying in a fog safe. The fog over most of the south of England was so thick that all the services to the Continent were cancelled, and a Swiss air liner after circling vainly over Croydon for 20 minutes turned back to Brussels without landing. Many devices have been put on the market for the benefit of motorists for which ability to pierce through fog is claimed. In fact none of them can do it, though yellow lights afford some comfort by virtue of their casting less dazzle than white lights. How much less then can aeroplanes be expected to find their way safely to earth in a fog?

Two Records to Recover

Attempts to recover the records for the longest non stop flight and the fastest flight are being considered by the Air Ministry, although neither is likely to be made till next year.

It ought to be comparatively easy for one of the Wellesley long-range bombers to beat the 6,650 miles record set up by the Russians. The speed record is a more difficult matter.

At present this is held by the German Captain Wurster, who in a new German monoplane fighter, specially prepared, reached a spead of just over 379 miler an hour. The new Spitfire monoplane of the R.A.F. should be able at least to equal this, but, like the German machine, it would need much special preparation.

To the uninitiated it may seem unnecessary to devote so much money and effort to the capturing of records. But their commercial value may be judged from the fact (which I am assured on good authority is true) that the possession of the "blue ribbon" of the Atlantic is worth £1,000,000 a year to the Company which holds it.

New Landplane Airliners

Leaving records aside, the new 21-ton monoplanes of which Armstrong Whitworth are building fourteen for Imperial Airways sound decidedly attractive. The first of these, Ensign, has just left the assembly shed and is being prepared for its flying trials.

These large aeroplanes, which will be used to supplement the flying-boats on some sections of the Empire routes and on European services, are designed for a maximum speed of approximately 200 m.p.h. and to cruise at 165 m.p.h. Each is powered with four Siddeley Tiger IX 810/880 h.p. engines, driving controllable-pitch airscrews. On European routes they will carry 40 passengers; on Empire routes 27 passengers on day stages and 20 on night journeys.

Bigger Aeroplanes Yet

Meanwhile the world's biggest aeroplane yet, built by the Glenn Martin Company for the Soviet Government, has just been completed at Baltimore. According to the "Daily Telegraph."

this four-motored giant monoplane, weighing more than 26 tons, has a wing-spread of 27ft. greater than the huge China clippers. It carries 46 passengers, with night-berths for 26.

With a normal cruising speed of 150 miles an hour it has a radius sufficient to carry it non-stop from New York to London within 24 hours and still have fuel for 1,000 miles in reserve.

The passenger accommodation incorporates the latest amenities, such as heating, sound-proofing and air-conditioning, a lounge and retiring rooms, a stewards galley and full-vision windows.

The wings carry 4,000 gallons of fuel. For what purpose the Soviet ordered the new machine is unknown, but it is suspected that it may be intended for service on the Polar route.

The trend of thought in America is interestingly shown by a recent speech to congress by Mr. Joseph Kennedy, chairman of the U.S. Maritime Commission. He urged that the United States should devote itself to the building of air, rather than of sea, liners.

"A fleet of eighteen 50-seater flying-boats running a three-flights-a-day service," he said, "would offer the same total passenger capacity a year as a super-liner at a production cost of about £3,600,000, against £10,600,000 required for the building of an American super-liner."

One may recall that, in "When the Sleeper Wakes," Mr. H. G. Wells imagined air liners carrying each 200 troops. Much that Mr. Wells foreshadowed in his early romances has since been realized (including by the way, his "babble machines" now politely called "news broadcasts"). At no distant future we may regard 50-seater aeroplanes as only a little less primitive than de Blériot's trans-Channel machine.

Warplanes on the Frontier

The many and important duties performed by aeroplanes in frontier warfare are vividly shown in the report on the Waziristan campaign between Nov. 25, 1936 and Jan. 16, 1937, by Gen. Sir Robert Cassels, C-in-C in India. Four squadrons, two bomber and two army co-operating, were used.

Two flights moved forward with the columns which were sent into the Khaisora valley late in November. Early in the advance the air contingent reported considerable movements of small parties of the enemy in the hills. A Royal Air Force sortie helped materially in countering the heavy opposition met on the first day, which saw more than 100 casualties among the British troops. In the following days the aeroplanes were continually engaged in offensive action, reconnaissance, and the dropping of ammunition and supplies.

Later in the campaign the dropping of essential stores was enlarged. The report states that on January 10 aircraft thus delivered 5,400 lb. of supplies to camps in the Khaisora valley. Finally, on January 14 all the enemy had been driven from the valley, and a conference was called to arrange a truce.

In the period under review the aeroplanes flew 1,260½ hours, of which tactical reconnaissance accounted for 535; distant reconnaissance for 162; photography for 65; supply dropping for 34½; bombing flights for 66; and "other operational flying", including artillery spotting, reconnaissance by military and political officers, postal flying, picking up and dropping orders, dropping pamphlets and similar varied activities for 270.

REMARKABLE STORY OF YOUNG IRISHMAN

Subaltern Who Bluffed Germans in Togoland

A remarkable story of how a young Irish subaltern "bluffed" the Germans into surrendering Togoland during the Great War was told recently by Major-General Sir Reginald Hoskins and Lord Davidson. They were speaking at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, states the "Sunday Times."

Sir Reginald said that he and Lord Davidson, in the early days of the war, helped in the handling of code messages at the Colonial Office. One day they received a code message from a young subaltern in the Comeroons who probably, Sir Reginald said, had under his command two men and a boy, announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

Before they could reply another cable arrived. This said that he had made a reconnaissance of the enemy's position and intended to attack. Next morning another message stated that he had attacked and that all was well. "I do not know what his name was," added Sir Reginald, "but I hope that he is a General now."

Lord Davidson, taking up the story, said that this young officer converted his "two men and a boy" into a "stage army." Actually he split his tiny force into little parties, marched them up and down the country, and arranged with natives to run into Kamena and report that there were enemy forces all over the place.

Rifle Bolts Removed

The result was that the Germans were led to believe that there were 1,500 men instead of "two men and a boy." They were persuaded that a half-company of the West African Frontier Force were the advance part of a great army, and decided that the best thing was to surrender.

The young officer made it a condition that they should pile their arms on the side of the town by which he proposed to approach and that the Germans should retire into the centre of the town. During the night he had the whole of his force practising how to extract the bolts from rifles so as to render the weapons useless.

Next morning he found the arms piled as he had commanded. He and his escort advanced further while the remainder of the force removed the bolts from the rifles.

It is understood that the officer concerned is now Lieut.-Col. F. C. Bryant.

MEXICAN OIL OUTPUT TO BE RESTRICTED

Companies Withhold Protest on Wages Arbitration Ruling

Mexico City, Dec. 27.

Since the arbitration ruling against American petroleum companies over workers' salaries, the companies do not intend to protest against the sentence but well-informed circles believe the matter may be referred to the Supreme Court. The companies intend to cut down production considerably, and have already refused to extend credits to small distributors.

It is reported that the Huasteca Petroleum Co. a subsidiary of Standard Oil, has given up the exploitation of 25 pits in the region of Panuco in the State of Vera Cruz.—Havas.

The Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, Gen. von Fritsch, arrived in Athens on Monday from Egypt. After visiting the Acropolis and other sites of historical interest and dining with the German Minister, Prince Erbach, he continued his journey.

FINDING THE NEW AUSTRALIA

Thousands Expected at the Sesqui-Centennial

INTERNATIONAL SPORTS MEETINGS

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

Visitors in increasing numbers, journeying across the Pacific and from the Old World, are to-day discovering for themselves the size and beauty of the great cities of Australia, the oldest of continents geologically, in civilization the newest. They are rather amazed to find in Australia all the amenities of the older-established countries, the tall and handsome buildings, the tree-lined boulevards, and the beautiful garden homes bathed in brilliant sunshine. And it is the striking contrast between the highly civilized foreground of the coastal cities and the wild background of the bush, where everything is new and strange, so unlike anything in any other land, that makes Australia one of the most appealing countries in a travel-loving world that seeks insistently the new.

From cobalt skies, the brilliant sunshine filters through the long, pendant leaves of the giant eucalypts, to shine on the lesser growths of golden wattles, green musk and dogwood bushes with their little white flowers, to pierce the deep shadows of fern gullies and light the delicate fronds that hang over little crystal-clear streams. That is the Australian "bush", the haunt of chattering, gaudy parrots, of crested cockatoos, of gaily-coloured song-birds, of the lyre-bird, greatest of all mimics, and of strange marsupials.

Bronzed Battalions of Bathers

The sunshine warms the clean sands of endless beaches thronged with bronzed battalions of bathers, youth and beauty at their best, shooting the breakers, riding on surfboards, or lying on the sands courting the sun. Here is sea-bathing on a scale unequalled elsewhere in the world. Each capital city possesses its miles of beaches conveniently close at hand, and beyond the beaches stretches the sea, emerald-green in the shallows, a deep blue beyond, wine-dark on the horizon, creaming white with the breakers, and all sparkling with countless points of light under the southern sun.

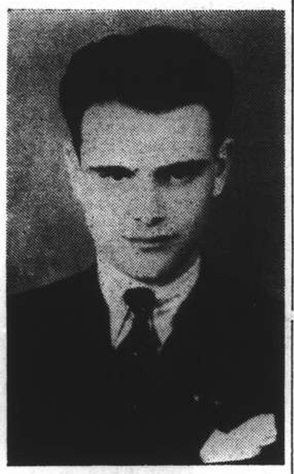
The visitor must, of course, first make acquaintance with the capital cities of the States lying on the seaboard—modern cities all, two with populations of over 1,000,000, and each a thriving centre of business and industry, with miles of sunlit beach and mountain playground. Perth, the western gateway to the continent, to which visitors sailing from the Old World first come, rises above the wide blue stretches of Melville and Perth Waters, with the blue ranges beyond, in a truly beautiful setting; gold and wheat and timber are in the background. Adelaide lies on a level plain between the picturesque Mt. Lofty Ranges and the sapphire waters of Gulf St. Vincent, a city of churches, parklands and wide boulevards set down amid orange and olive groves and vineyards on the adjacent foothills.

Then comes Melbourne with its bustling, broad, tree-lined and symmetrically-planned streets and boulevards, its tall, clean buildings and far-flung garden suburbs, its miles of curving beaches round the huge Port Phillip Bay, and its lovely hill country in the nearby Dandenongs.

Sydney the Gay

Harbour waters lively with shuttling ferries, the coming and going of liners and freighters to the ports of the world, red roofs half-hidden in foliage above the twists and turns of the sparkling waters, and, high above, the colossal steel arch of the bridge that links the suburban North Shore to the city of towering buildings—such is the first glimpse of Sydney, Australia's oldest, gayest, and greatest city, and the second largest under the British Crown.

It was at Sydney Cove that Captain Phillip established in 1788 the first permanent white settlement in Australia and it is to celebrate the attaining of Australia's first 150 years of settlement that a special gala programme of carnival and sporting events has been planned for 1938. Commencing on January 26 and continuing until April 25, the celebrations will be centred largely in Sydney, although special arrangements are being made for agricultural shows, race meetings, and other festivities in country districts throughout New South Wales.



M. L. Baron

Who has been sentenced locally to three years in prison.

Anniversary Programme

Highlights of the carnival programme include the British Empire Games from February 5 to 12, pageantry and a regatta on Sydney Harbour on January 26; a Venetian Carnival on the harbour on January 29; international lawn tennis from January 31 to February 5; naval, military and air force parades, reviews and tattoos on January 29, February 4 and April 25 and 26; rifle-shooting competitions for £10,500 prize money from February 5 to 12; big-game angling competitions for £1,000 in trophies from January 1 to April 23; Royal Agricultural Show and All-Australian Exhibition from April 9 to 20; Australian Jockey Club Meetings on January 26 and April 16, 18 and 20; while surf life-saving displays, international golf, cricket, bowls and swimming, a national musical festival, band championships, conventions and conferences, and many other events of a sporting, educational, cultural or entertaining character are also included.

And Canberra, the Federal Capital, which is growing up on modern lines, and promises to become a great cultural centre, lies in a vast amphitheatre in the foothills of the Australian Alps, 200 miles south of Sydney, a garden city of wattle blossom, of flowering peaches, of long avenues of decorative trees, of white buildings, of thousands of tulips to transform its wide, green spaces during the springtime of the year.

Far apart are Hobart and Darwin, the former the capital of the island State of Tasmania, the other of the Northern Territory and now Australia's front door for aerial transport. Hobart, on the wide and beautiful Derwent at the foot of lofty Mt. Wellington, with oaks and elms and poplars, its century-old homes and its memories of the past, has an air of Old England. Rolling wooded hills, the deep river opening out into a wide bay, provide a setting of rare beauty.

Empire Aeroplane Service

Tropical, polyglot Darwin, high on its red bluff above the magnificent bay, is a place of strange contrasts. Frangipani and Japanese honeysuckle scent the air; huge tamarinds and banyan trees grow on the wooded foreshore; coconut palms rattle their fronds in every breeze; golden cassia and scarlet poinciana make patches of glorious colour. Great aeroplanes come from across the Timor Sea, and on the warm night winds, in the intervals of broadcast jazz, there come the weird sounds of the Chinese one-stringed fiddle, the boom and moan of the didgery-doo and the clatter of the music sticks of Stone-Age man, in from the surrounding wilderness. From Darwin the luggers put to sea for the pearling banks off the coast of North Australia.

In the spring, the Australian bushland is delightful. To the fragrance of the eucalypts is then added the beauty of great masses of golden wattle and other flowering trees and shrubs, and the glorious carpet of wildflowers which clothe the country side in living colour. Western Australia's wildflowers are renowned for their beauty and variety, and collections are frequently sent abroad, frozen in blocks of ice for exhibition. Equally well-known are the limestone caverns at Jenolan, in the heart of the Blue Mountains in New South Wales, where the stalactites and stalagmites are of a beauty, and the great underground caverns of a grandeur that rival the finest caves of other countries.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE

MONEY & EXCHANGE

Hongkong & Shanghai Bank

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1937

BANK'S SELLING RATES 10.00 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 1/16 ..... $16.99
U.S. $100 @ 29 1/16 ..... $339.70

BANK'S BUYING RATES 10.00 A.M.

£1 @ 1/2 5/16 ..... $16.7685
U.S. $100 @ 29 1/2 ..... $335.42

London—demand 1/2 5/16
4 months' sight credits 1/2 1/16
4 months' sight docts 1/2 1/16
6 months' sight credits 1/2 3/16
6 months' sight docts 1/2 7/16
New York—demand ..... U.S. $29 1/16
4 months' sight credits 29 1/16
4 months' sight docts 30 7/16
Paris—4 months' sight docts Fcs. 910

CLOSING RATES

Sterling ..... 1/2 11/32 U.S. $29 17/32

Canadian Exchange

The Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China opening selling rate yesterday:—

Can. $100 @ 29½=Sh.$338.99

Netherlands Trading Society

BUYING

Java Guilders C.S.$100 ..... 53⅜
Netherlands Guilders C.S.$100 .... 53¾

SELLING

Java Guilders C.S.$100 ..... 52⅞
Netherlands Guilders C.S.$100 ... 53

National City Bank of New York

MARKET SELLING RATES 10 A.M.

U.S. $1=C.S.$3.4043 Stg. £1=C.S.$17.029

MARKET BUYING RATES 10 A.M.

U.S. $1=C.S.$3.3684 Stg. £1=C.S.$16.805

American Express Co., Inc.

BUYING

U.S. $100=C.S.$336.84 £1=C.S.$16.80

SELLING

U.S. $100=C.S.$338.98 £1=C.S.$16.95

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Tourist Lire 6.06 .....=C.S.$1

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OPENING SELLING RATES

Berlin-H'burg T.T. C.S.$100=Rm. 72¾
C.S.$100=Reg. Mk. 127.00

LOCAL EXCHANGE REPORT

Messrs. Drakeford, Davis & Wilson

INTER BANK CASH DELIVERY

£	Highest 1/2 1/4	Lowest 1/2 9/32
U.S. G.$	29 1/4	29 1/4
Yen	101½	101½

MERCHANT CLOSING RATES

	SELLING		BUYING
Cash		December	
£ T.T.	1/2 9/32	4 m/s. l.c.	1/2 9/32
G.$ T.T.	29½	4 m/s. l.c.	29¾
Fcs. T.T.	869	4 m/s.	888
Rs. T.T.	78¼	7 d/s.	78⅞

BAR SILVER

	Ready	For'd
London pence per std. oz.	18 1/2	18¼
N.Y. cents per oz. troy	44¾	—
Bombay Rs. per 100 tolas	47.01	—
Bombay offtake 250 bars.	Market quiet and steady.	

London silver was ⅛ down both ready and forward, being 18 1/8 for spot and 18¼ forward. New York was unchanged at 44¾ and Bombay was nine annas up at 47.01. It was reported India sold. There was small support. Market steady. After the official fixing conditions were very idle and unchanged.

The local exchange market opened with sellers for Cash 1/2 3/16 Sterling 29½ U.S.$ and 101½ Yen. Very little interest was shown at the opening and in the absence of business rates were steady. There were alternately buyers and sellers of January Sterling Interbank at 1/2 5/16, but very little business was done. The market closed steady at the opening rates.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Bombay Rupee T. T. on:		Dec. 27.	
Japan	77½	London	1/6 7/64
New York	266	2 mths	
Shanghai	80	„ (sellers)	1/6 7/64
Hongkong	84⅛	„ (buyers)	1/6 9/64
New York: U.S.$ T. T. on:			
Berlin	40.30	Japan	29.11
Spain	6.25	Shanghai	29.60
Holland	55.60	Austria	18.91
Paris	3.39 5/8	C'Slovakia	3.51 3/8
Brussels	16.97	Hungary	19.90
Italy	5.26¼	Rumania	0.74 1/8
S'zerland	23.13	Yugo Slavia	2.34½
Sweden	25.77½	Greece	0.91¾
Norway	26.12½	Bulgaria	1.30
Denmark	22.32½	Finland	2.21½
Montreal	99.845	Poland	18.97½
London			4.99 11/16
London Demand			4.99 5/16
London Bankers' 60 days bills			4.99 5/16
London Commercial 60 days bills			4.99 5/16
Buenos Aires Paper			30.98
Buenos Aires Paper, market rate			29.42
Brazil, Open market rate			5.50
Montreal on London			5.00 7/16

—Reuter.

FOREIGN MONEY RATES

New York:

Bankers' Acceptances for 1, 2 and 3 months	0½%B 0 7/8%A
Bankers' Acceptances for 4 months	0 5/8%B 0 1/2%A
Call Money	1%

All markets in Great Britain remained closed to-day.—Reuter.

RETURNS OF FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

New York, Dec. 27.

The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, in their report for the week ended December 27 respecting the entire body of reporting member banks of the System, revealed a decline of $82,000,000 on total loans from the previous week but showed an advance of $248,000,000 compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Investments declined by $106,000,000 from last week and by $1,709,000,000 from the same week in 1936.

During the period under review total loans amounted to $9,418,000,000 and investments $12,062,000,000.—Reuter.

MANILA GOLD SHARES

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Co.

(Closing Bids in Pesos)

	Dec. 27	Dec. 28
Antamok	Unq.	Unq.
Atok	.16	.16
Baguio Gold	.13	.14
Batong Buhay	.0090	.0100
Benguet Consolidated	Unq.	Unq.
Big Wedge	.10	.09
Coco Grove	.36	.36
Consolidated Mines	Unq.	Unq.
Demonstration	Unq.	Unq.
Ipo	Unq.	Unq.
Hogon	Unq.	Unq.
Isl	.51	.53
Maasbate	Unq.	Unq.
Paracale Gold	Unq.	Unq.
Paracale Gumaus	Unq.	Unq.
San Mauricio	Unq.	Unq.
Suyoc	.15	.14
		Ex. Div.
United Paracable	Unq. Quiet.	Unq. Quiet.

Monday's turnover: 1,363,120 shares.

S. C. and F. Index (closing prices): 65.65.

The Manila gold share market will remain closed on December 30, December 31 and January 1.—Reuter.

SHANGHAI STOCK EXCHANGE

Yesterday's Business

With the exception of a few transactions in Rubbers, the market was extremely dull and idle.

Morning Session

OFFICIAL

	CASH
2,000 Batu Anam	$ 0.85
3,000 Kroewoek	$ 0.80
500 Consolidated	$ 3.40

Afternoon Session

OFFICIAL

500 Consolidated	$ 3.40

UNOFFICIAL

2,000 Kroewoek	$ 0.80
1,000 Repah	$ 0.70

Shares 9,000

OFFICIAL INDEXES

By courtesy of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz

	Dec. 24	28	Change
S'hai Gen. Stock	43.37x	*	—
S'hai Rub. Share	205.33	204.27	off 1.06
Chi. Govt. Bond	101.61x	Closed	—

X—August 13, 1937.

U.S. COMMODITIES

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 27.

Trading in the cotton market was quiet, with prices fluctuating very narrowly. Quotations early moved up on general buying and favourable spot markets. However, hedging and liquidation appeared at sporadic intervals. At the close, quotations ranged from 2 points down to 1 point up from the previous final levels.

Dull conditions prevailed in the rubber market, with prices moving lower owing to a lack of buying demand. At the last call-over losses of 13 to 15 points were recorded.

Prices in the Chicago wheat market advanced on better Buenos Aires advices, covering by shorts and a firm corn market. At the final bell, gains of ⅜ to ½ of a cent, were registered.

New York Cotton		New York Rubber	
Jan.	8.21-21 +01	Mar.	15.17-17 —13
Mar.	8.32-32 —01	May	15.26-26 —15
May	8.37-37 —02	July	15.36 N —15
July	8.42-42 —02	Sept.	15.46 N —15
Ost.	8.51-51 +01		
Dec.	8.54 N unc.		

New York Sugar No. 4		New York Silk	
Mar.	1.17-18 unc. B/A	Dec.	1.50½-50½ +½
Sept.	1.23½-24½ +½ B/A		

Chicago Wheat		Chicago Corn	
May	92⅜-92½ +⅜	May	61¾-61⅞ +1¾
July	86½-86½ +½	July	61-61⅛ +1

Winnipeg Wheat		Montreal Silver	
May	Closed.	Mar.	40.60-1.95 unc. B/A

A—Asked B—Bid.—Reuter.

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LTD.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd. will be held in London on December 29 1937 when the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30 1937, will be submitted:—

Extract from Directors' Report

The net result of the year's transaction shows a balance to the credit of Profit & Loss Account of £173,248 made up as follows:—

	£
Share of Kailan Mining Administration's Profits less Expenses plus Interest in China	175,065
Interest in Europe	14,242
Agency Fees	6,000
Sundries	224
Exchange	37
Balance brought forward	5,430
	200,998
Deduct:—	
Expenses in Europe	10,601
Consulting Engineers visit to Mines	343
Reserve for National Defence Contribution	2,250
Directors' Remuneration	4,200
Income Tax	10,356
Making a total of	£173,248

which the Directors recommend should be appropriated as follows:—

	£
Dividend of 5% (free of Income Tax)	98,000
Balance carried forward	75,248
	£173,248

BERLIN BOURSE

Berlin, Dec. 27.

Following three holidays the share market opened to-day with a strong urge towards investing, this being partly due to the short recess and also to the fact that considerable sums from the Christmas business are now available. A considerable portion of this capital will probably find investment in the new Reichs loan which is attracting more than usual interest. The fact that the first reports on the progress of the loan were extremely favourable tended to give an optimistic trend to the entire market, slight increases being registered in many shares although definite tendencies in particular shares were not perceivable.

The turnover in fixed interest securities was greater than for the past several days although no pronounced change in due course occurred.

Call money stood at 2¾ to 3 per cent.—Trans-Ocean.

REICHSMARK QUOTATIONS

Berlin, Dec. 27.

The following were to-day's Reichsmark quotations: New York 40.30 Paris 1186.375, Amsterdam 72.4605, London —.—. Paris quoted sterling at 147.19 to 147.21 and the U.S. dollar at 29.4525 to 29.46.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT BONDS

Osaka, Dec. 28.

Kogo 5%	Y.101.90
3rd Series, 5% (Red. 1965-88)	102.00

—Reuter.

SILVER QUOTATIONS

London, Dec. 28.

Silver prices declined slightly today, the quotations being:—

	Dec. 24	Dec. 28
London spot	18 7/16d.	18 7/16d.
„ forward	18¼d.	18¼d.
London/New York:		
One pound U.S.	$4.99 7/8	$4.99 3/4
One U.S. dollar	48.012d.	48.024d.
Gold	139/7½d.	139/7d.

—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Monday's Closing Quotations

New York, Dec. 27.

Stock prices in Wall Street to-day were subjected to heavy selling pressure, with market favourities slipping, influenced by Assistant Attorney General Rober H. Jackson's speech. Steels moved lower on the report of the American Iron and Steel Institute, indicating steel operations during the past week at 19.2 per cent. of capacity. The turnover amounted to 1,360,000 shares.

Dow-Jones Average

	High	Low	Close	Changes
30 Indust.	126.98	122.96	123.45	—3.91
20 Rails	31.31	30.42	30.49	—1.00
20 Utilities	21.22	20.46	20.56	—0.61
40 Bonds	——	——	93.29	—0.27
11 Commodity	——	——	53.84	—0.04

	Dec. 24	27
Adams Express	9⅜	8¾
Allegheny Steel	17⅛	17
Allis Chalmers	48⅞	47¼
Amer. Can	74¼	72½
Amer. Cyanamid "B"	22⅛	22⅛
Amer. & For. Power	4	3¾
„ „ $7 cum. pfd.	21⅛	19¾
Amer. Locomotive	21½	19½
Amer. Metals.	33	30
Amer. Radiator	12⅞	12⅜
Amer. Rolling Mill	19¼	18¾
Amer. Smelting	49½	46⅜
Amer. Sugar Refining	24½	24⅛
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	147¼	145½
Amer. Tobacco "B"	61⅜	60½
Amer. Waterworks	12⅜	11¾
Anaconda Copper	32¼	30⅛
Atchison Topeka & Santa	38⅜	36
Atlas Corp.	8⅜	8
Auburn Auto	3⅝	3⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	11⅜	10⅞
Barber Co.	B 16⅝	16
Barnsdall Oil Co.	14	13⅝
Bethlehem Steel	62⅜	58⅜
Boeing Airplane	33¼	31½
Borden Co.	16⅞	16½
Borg Warner	25⅝	25
Briggs Manufacturing Co.	20½	19¾
Bklyn-Manhattan	8⅛	7¾
„ „ $6 cum. pfd.	24⅛	22½
Case, J.I.	92	88½
Canadian Pacific Rly.	7¾	7⅜
Celanese Corp.	14⅛	14¼
Cerro de Pasco	37¼	36⅛
Chase National Bank	B 30⅜	B 29⅜
Chesapeake Corp.	45¼	43¼
Chesapeake & Onio	35⅜	34⅛
Chrysler	53⅛	50½
Columbia Gas & Elec.	8¾	8¼
„ „ 6% "A"	73	B 73
Commercial Credit	33⅞	32½
Commercial Solvents	7⅛	7
Comm. & Southern (ord.)	2	2
„ „ $6 cum. pfd.	42	40
Consolidated Edison	23⅜	22⅞
Consolidated Oil	9⅛	8⅞
Continental Can	40½	38¼
Continental Oil	31½	31
Corn Products	61¾	62¼
Curtis Wright (Common)	4⅛	3⅞
„ „ "A"	16¼	15⅛
Delaware & Hudson	16	15⅛
Delaware, Lackawanna	7¼	7
Deere Co.	24¼	22¾
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	14¾	13⅜
Douglas Aircraft	40⅜	37
Du Pont de Nemours	117⅛	113½
Eagle Picher Lead	8¾	8⅛
Elec. Boat Co.	8½	7¾
Elec. Bond & Share	10	8⅞
„ „ $5 pfd.	B 54½	B 53
„ „ $6 pfd.	59⅜	59
Elec. Power & Lt.	13	12⅛
„ „ 7% pfd.	B 42¼	42
Flintkote	16¾	16
Freeport Sulphur	23½	22⅞
Gen. Cigar	B 23	23
Gen. Elec.	44	42⅜
Gen. Foods	31	31
Gen. Motors	32	31⅞
Gen. Railway Signal	22¼	21
Glidden	22⅛	21
Godchaux Sugar	B 28½	28½
Goodrich (B.F.)	15⅛	14¾
„ $5 pfd.	B 49¾	B 47½
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	18¾	17¾
Great Northern Railway	24⅝	23½
Great Western Sugar	27	26
Greyhound Corporation	9¾	9⅜
Hecker Products	6¼	6
Humble Oil	68	67⅝
International Nickel	46¼	44¾
Int. Tel. & Tel.	7½	7⅛
Interstate Department	10	9⅝
Kennecott Copper	38⅛	36¾
Lambert Co.	11⅛	10¾
Libby Owens Ford Glass	37	35¼
Loew's Inc.	48⅛	46¼
Lorillard	16¼	16
McKesson & Robbins Inc.	31	29¾
Martin, Glenn L.	20⅛	19
Monsanto Chemical	86	84¼
Montgomery Ward	34¼	32¼
Nat. Bond & Investment	14¼	14¼
Nat. Cash Register	16¼	15½
Nat. City Bank	B 25⅞	25
Nat. Dairy Products	13⅜	13⅜
Nat. Distillers	20⅞	20½
Nat. Power & Light	7⅛	7½
Nat. Steel	64	61½
Nat. Supply Co.	21⅝	20¼
New York Central	18¾	17¾
Niagara Hudson & Power	8⅛	7¾
North American Aviation	9⅛	8⅛
North Amer. Co.	21¼	19⅞
Northern Pacific	11⅜	10⅝
Pacific Gas & Elec.	27¼	27⅛
Pacific Lighting	37⅛	36¼
Packard Motors	4¼	4⅛
Paramount Pictures Inc.	10	9½
„ 1st pfd.	B 86	84
Pennsylvania Railroad	22½	21⅝
Phillips Petroleum	40	38⅝
Public Service of New	32⅛	32
Pure Oil	11¾	11½
Radio Corp. of America	6⅜	6⅛
Republic Steel Corp.	18⅞	17⅝
Revere Copper & Brass	13⅝	13
Reynolds Tobacco "B"	43½	42½
Schenley Distillers	25¼	24¼
„ „ 5½% pfd.	B 74½	74¾
Sears Roebuck	62¾	*57¾
Shell Union Oil	17¾	17⅜
Socony Vacuum	15⅝	15⅜
South. Calif. Edison	22	21½
Southern Pacific	20⅞	19⅝
Southern Railway	13½	12⅛
„ „ $5 pfd.	21¼	19½
Standard Brands	7⅞	7¾
Standard Gas	4½	4⅜
„ „ $7 pfd.	25	24
Standard Oil of New	46	44¾
Sterling Products	B 56	56
Studebaker	5⅛	5
Swift International	23½	23½
Technicolor	17⅞	17
Texas Corporation	41½	39¼
Texas Gulf Sulphur	27¼	26¼
Tide Water Associated Oil	15	14¾
Transamerica	11	11
Twentieth-Century-Fox	20½	20¼
„ pfd.	26⅞	26½
Union Carbide & Carbon	75⅛	73⅝
Union Pacific	87	85
United Aircraft (New)	26½	24¾
United Air Lines Transport	7¼	7
United Corporation	3½	3¼
„ „ $3 cum. pfd.	31½	30¼
United Gas Corporation	4¾	4
United Gas Improvement	10¼	10
United Light & Power Co.	3⅜	3⅛
U. S. Industrial Alcohol	21	20¼
U. S. Rubber	25½	23½
„ 8%	51¾	49¼
U. S. Smelting, Refining	61¾	61½
U. S. Steel	59⅞	56⅝
Vanadium	16¼	15⅜
Warner Bros. Pictures	6½	6⅛
Westinghouse Elec.	107	102½
Woodward Iron	12½	12
Youngstown Sheet & Tube	42⅝	38⅞
BONDS		
Amer. & For. Power	57¾	56
Brizil	21¾	20¼
Chic. Mil. Stp.	11¾	10⅞
Cities Service Power	54⅛	52⅝
Int. Tel. & Tel. 5s	64¼	63
Int. Tel. & Tel. 4½s	89½	89⅛
New England Gas & Elec.	57¼	58
Peru 6s 1961	9⅜	9¾
Standard Gas & Elec.	54½	53½

A—Asked B—Bid *—Ex Div.—Reuter.

BOMBAY COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 27.

Although buying of futures in the Bombay dotton market was entirely of a speculative nature the basis for spot was very steady on buying of 4F and 289F styles by domestic mills and a little covering of Oomra by shippers against export commitments.

The Oomra crop is a month late, but arrivals are gradually increasing.

Up-country export inquiry is negligible, and, as the parity of fifteen rupees relative to American cotton, compared with 82 Rupees in April, appears to be getting nearer the point where the weight of the Indian crop is beginning to tell.—Reuter.

BOMBAY SILVER STOCKS

Bombay, Dec. 27.

Stocks of Silver in Bombay on Dec. 25, compared with the two previous weeks:—Dec. 11. 13,000 Dec. 18, 11,500 Dec. 25, 10,000 Bars.

N.B. The above figures include both English Bar and Indian Mint Silver.—Reuter.

UNITED STATES SILVER IMPORTS

New York, Dec. 27.

Silver to a total value of $7,498,000 was imported by the United States during the week ended December 17 compared with $6,246,000 during the previous week.

Consignments of the white metal during the period under review were received from the following principal sources; Mexico $920,000; Canada $120,000; Peru $64,000; England $6,214,000; Chile $11,000; Japan $44,000; Honduras $47,000; Nicaragua $3,000; Newfoundland & Labrador $54,000 and the Philippines $18,000.

Imports during the previous week came from the following principal countries: Mexico $575,000; Canada $218,000; Peru $106,000; England $5,066,000; Chile $5,000; Japan $203,000: Bolivia $12,000; Australia $53,000; France $1,000 and Cuba $6,000.—Reuter.

U.S. STEEL MILL OPERATIONS DECLINE

New York, Dec. 27.

Steel mill activity in the United States for the week ended December 25 was placed at 19.2 per cent. of capacity, according to the weekly report of the American Iron and Steel Institute, published to-day.

This represents a drop of 4.3 per cent. from the previous week and of 57.8 per cent. from the corresponding period last year.—Reuter.

PARIS BOURSE

Paris, Dec. 27.

Once again, light trading characterized the market on the Paris Bourse to-day.

Arbitrage dealings which were active during the last few days, were restricted to-day owing to the closing of British markets.

Most issues, however, remained steady, while Rentes gained slightly. —Havas.

MARRIED MAN ATTACKS GIRL SUNBATHER

Told Her She Looked Lovely and then Assaults Her

For an attack on a girl who was sun-bathing while on holiday, William Henry Cheetham, 34, a machinist, of Scorton-avenue, Bolton, was sentenced at Chester Assizes recently to three years' penal servitude, states the "Daily Telegraph and Morning Post."

Cheetham was alleged to have struck the girl with a rake. She denied that he was in a temper because she told him that he was not good enough for her as he was "only a labourer."

The girl, Lily Irene Evans, who lives at St. Mary's-road, Sale, Cheshire, said that on Aug. 3, while she was lying in a field sun-bathing and reading, Cheetham came up and started a conversation. She refused to let him kiss her.

"The man kissed me and I screamed," Miss Evans added "He tried to put his hand over my mouth to choke me. I must have been unconscious, and when I came to I was surprised to find myself alive."

Mr. Lind-Smith, defending, submitted that if the girl was offended by Cheetham's advances she could have gone away. People were working and living within 150 yards of the spot.

Counsel contended that Cheetham picked up the rake, intending to smash it on the ground, but it caught the girl a glancing blow.

Cheetham, added Mr. Smith, desired to express regret for what happened.

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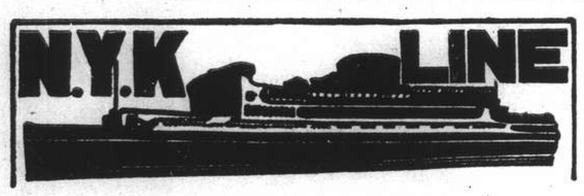

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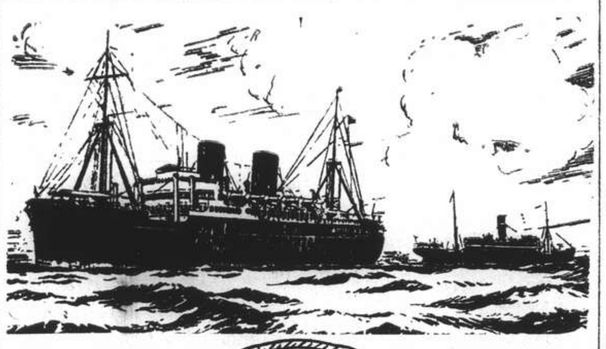

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ss. HINDENBURG	Jan. 17	Antwerp, Rotterdam, Hamburg.
ss. NORDMARK	Feb. 11	M'les, A'werp, Rotterdam, H'burg.

OUTWARD VESSELS LATEST MOVEMENTS:

mv. KULMERLAND	In Singapore	Dec. 23
mv. DUISBURG	In Suez	Dec. 9
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Rawalpindi	Jan. 4	Jan. 7	PRES. GRANT	Dec. 31	Jan. 19
D'Artagnan	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	PRES. COOLIDGE	Jan. 8	Jan. 26
			PRES. JACKSON	Jan. 14	Feb. 2
			PRES. JEFFERSON	Jan. 28	Feb. 16

KOBE

Steamer	Leave S'hai	Arrive Kobe	Steamer	Leave Kobe	Arrive U.S.
D'Artagnan	Dec. 31	Jan. 2	PRES. GRANT	Jan. 5	Jan. 19
Nellore	Jan. 7	Jan. 10	PRES. COOLIDGE	Jan. 13	Jan. 26
Andre Lebon	Jan. 12	Jan. 14	PRES. JACKSON	Jan. 19	Feb. 2
			PRES. JEFFERSON	Feb. 2	Feb. 16

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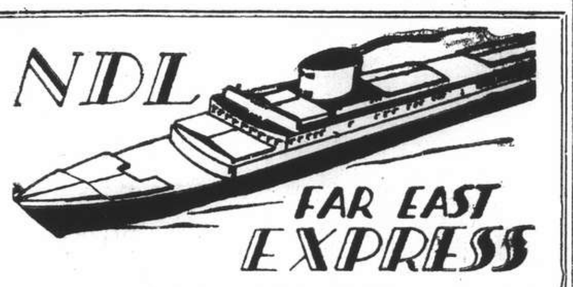

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ms. FULDA	left Port Said Dec. 15	Jan. 13	—
ss. FRANKEN	left Rotterdam Dec. 23	Jan. 31	Feb. 5
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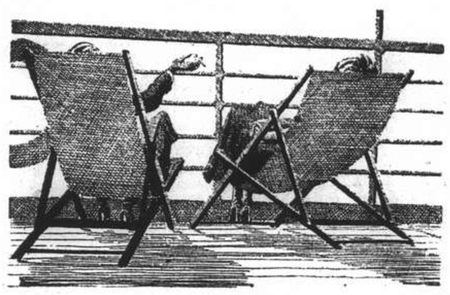

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E/Japan	Feb. 8	Feb. 10	—	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Feb. 26
E/Asia	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Feb. 27	Mar. 1	Mar. 3	—	Mar. 12
E/Canada	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	—	Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Mar. 22	Mar. 29
E/Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	—	Apr. 4

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E/Japan	Jan. 9	—	—	Jan. 14	Jan. 16
E/Asia	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 25	Jan. 27	—
E/Canada	Feb. 6	—	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13

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ms. Indrapoera	12,000	Jan. 12	Jan. 14	Feb. 1
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,200	Jan. 26	Jan. 28	Feb. 15
ms. Baloeran	17,000	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 22
ms. Christiaan Huygens	16,000	Feb. 16	Feb. 18	Mar. 8
ms. Sibajak	13,500	Feb. 23	Feb. 25	Mar. 15
ms. Johan v. Oldenbarnevelt	19,100	Mar. 9	Mar. 11	Mar. 29
ms. Dempo	17,000	Mar. 16	Mar. 18	Apr. 5
ss. Johan de Witt	11,000	Mar. 30	Apr. 1	Apr. 20
ms. Indrapoera	12,000	Apr. 6	Apr. 8	Apr. 26
ms. Marnix v. St. Aldegonde	19,200	Apr. 20	Apr. 22	May 10
ms. Baloeran	17,000	Apr. 27	Apr. 29	May 17
ms. Christiaan Huygens	16,000	May 11	May 13	May 31
ms. Sibajak	13,500	May 18	May 20	June 7

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EUROPE AND STRAITS

From LONDON
Chitral 3/12 10/1 •
Somali 11/12 24/1
Carthage 17/11 24/1 •

From GLASGOW
Ajax 4/12 20/1
Hector 18/12 5/2

From LIVERPOOL
Ajax 11/12 20/1
Hector 28/12 5/2

From GDYNIA
Menelaus 24/12 9/2

From MARSEILLES
A Lebon 10/12 11/1
F. Roussel 24/12 24/1

From COPENHAGEN
Tongking — 8/2

From HAMBURG
Franken 18/12 5/2
Menelaus 28/12 9/2
Gneisenau — 12/2

From TRIESTE
C'lazzo 20/11 7/1
Volpi 21/12 10/2

From GENOA
C. B'camano 18/12 11/1

From PORT SAID
Somali 21/12 24/1

From KARACHI
C'tellazzo 12/12 7/1

From BOMBAY
Chitral 23/12 10/1 •

From CALCUTTA
Shirala 17/12 10/1 •

From COLOMBO
C'tellazzo 19/12 7/1

From MELBOURNE
Nellore 1/12 6/1

From SYDNEY
Nellore 11/12 6/1

From N.E.-I.
Tjinegara — 20/1
Tjisadane — 10/2

From MANILA
E. Russia — 28/1

AMERICA AND JAPAN

From NEW YORK
Lossiebank — 29/12
C. E'bourne 18/11 16/1
Foylebank 7/12 25/1
Cing. Pr. 10/12 25/1

From LOS ANGELES
Sil'teak 9/12 8/1

From SAN FRANCISCO
Lossiebank 27/11 29/12
Sil'teak 13/12 8/1

From SEATTLE
Tyndareus 31/12 2/2

From NAGASAKI
Nagasaki M. — 31/12

CHINA PORTS

From DAIREN
Dairen M. — 1/1
Dairen M. — 7/1
Dairen M. — 13/1

From TIENTSIN
Fausang — 31/12
Tingsang — 2/1

From CHEFOO
Fausang — 31/12
Tingsang — 2/1

From SWATOW
Leesang — 29/12
Chaksang — 30/12
Yatshing — 1/1

From HONGKONG
Leesang — 29/12
Chaksang — 30/12
Yatshing — 1/1

From TUNGCHOW
Pingwo — 30/12
Wuhu — 31/12

Vessels Leaving

YANGTZE RIVER

WUSUEH Dec. 30. TUNGCHOW. — From French Bund on Thursday, 30th at 8 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

WUHU Jan 2. TUNGCHOW. — From French Bund on Sunday, 2nd at 7 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 1-1

NORTH CHINA COAST

CHEKIANG Dec. 30. TSINGTAO, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN.—leaves on Thursday, 30th at 9 a.m. (Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only). For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

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Vessels Leaving

NORTH CHINA COAST

SHUNTIEN Jan. 1. TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO and TIENTSIN. — From French Bund on Saturday, 1st at 10 a.m. Calls at Tsingtao for passengers only. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 1-1

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SOOCHOW Dec. 30. AMOY, HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Thursday, 30th at 9 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 30-12

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TSINAN Jan. 5. AMOY and HONGKONG.—From French Bund on Wednesday, 5th at 6 a.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 4-1

KAYING Jan. 6. FOOCHOW, HONGKONG and CANTON.—From French Bund on Thursday, 6th at 1 p.m. For freight and passage apply Butterfield & Swire, Tel. 82020 (French Bund). 6-1

JAPAN

NELLORE Jan. 7. (From Shanghai) MOJI, KOBE, OSAKA and YOKOHAMA.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co., Agents, E. & A. S. S. Co., Itd. No. 27 The Bund. Tel. No. 11428. 7-1

STRAITS AND EUROPE

GLENIFFER Dec. 31. CASABLANCA, LONDON, ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG and ANTWERP via HONGKONG and STRAITS.—Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Agents, Glen Line Ltd. Tel. 15290. 31-12

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WEDNESDAY, Dec. 29.			
Manila Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Muihock	16.00	17.00
Hongkong and Canton	Huihock	16.30	17.00
Nantung	Wusueh	16.30	17.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Chekiang	16.30	18.00
Tsingtao Chefoo Tientsin	Chekiang	17.30	18.00
Honolulu (Z) and U.S.A. (Z) via Hongkong	Soochow AX	—	—
Amoy Hongkong Canton	Soochow	18.30	19.00
THURSDAY, Dec. 30.			
Tinghai and Haimen Che.	Shinfu	9.30	10.00
Ningpo	Hsin Peking	10.30	11.00
Swatow Hongkong Canton	Taksang	10.30	11.00
Japan U.S.A. Canada Europe via Pacific	D'Artagnan	12.00	14.00
Nantung	Kungwo	16.30	17.00
Manila Aust. N.Z. and Indo-China	Gleniffer X	17.00	18.00
Hongkong and Canton	Gleniffer X	17.30	18.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Leesang X	17.30	18.00
Chefoo and Tientsin	Leesang X	17.30	18.00
Japan Korea and Formosa via Nagasaki	Nagasaki M.	17.30	18.00
FRIDAY, Dec. 31.			
Tinghai and Haimen Che.	Ano-Vathy X	9.30	10.00
Nantung	Wuhu	16.30	17.00
Indo-China(Z) via H'phong	Szechuen B	—	—
Swatow Hongkong Yunnan	Szechuen	17.30	18.00
Dairen	Dairen M.	17.30	18.00
U.S.S.R. Europe via Siberia	Shuntien X	16.30	18.00
Tsingtao Wei. C'foo T'tsin	Shuntien	17.30	18.00
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Chefoo and Tientsin	Chaksang	17.30	18.00
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Vessels Leaving (cont.)

STRAITS AND EUROPE

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Weather, Time and Tide

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1937 (27th day of 11th moon)	SICCAWEI				GUTZLAFF	
	December 27		December 28			
	16.00	21.00	4.00	9.00	9.00	14.00
Barometer inches	30.35	30.39	30.32	30.34	—	—
at 32 F. (variation for 24 hrs.)	—0.03	—0.04	—0.11	—0.12	—	—
at 32 F. (" " 12 hrs.)	—0.08	—0.07	—0.03	—0.05	—	—
Wind (direction)	NNE	NE	NNE	NNE	—	—
" (miles per hour)	8.7	9.2	3.1	2.5	—	—
Temperature (Fahr.)	40.°1	38.°5	38.°1	41.°0	—	—
Humidity %	60	69	82	84	—	—
Nebulosity (0 to 10)	10	10	10	10	—	—
Rainfall inches	—	—	—	—	—	—

Siccawei Abridged Report December 27	Mean 1937	24 hours variation	Previous average same period (64 years)
Barometer (mean 4 obs.)	30.41	+0.01	30.33
Temp. Min. 29.°8 Max. 46.°6	38.°2	—2.°8	40.°1
Total rainfall January 1 to midnight before last (inches)	38.65	—	44.54

Date	29/12	30/12	31/12	1/1
Sun rises at Shanghai	6.51	6.52	6.52	6.53
Sun sets at Shanghai	16.59	17.00	17.00	16.59
Moon rises at Shanghai	4.00	4.52	5.41	6.39
Moon sets at Shanghai	14.33	15.19	16.09	17.00
Flood makes Shanghai	8.20	9.02	9.37	10.00
Ebb. makes Shanghai	13.30	14.48	15.02	15.34
H.W. at Woosung Bar	10.12	10.58	11.36	11.58

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OBITUARY

M. Maurice Ravel

Paris, Dec. 28.

The distinguished French composer, M. Maurice Ravel, died to-day at the age of 62.

Born at Cibourre, in the Lower Pyrenees, M. Ravel studied under Gabriel Faure at the Paris Conservatoire, and became one of the chief modern composers of the young French school. He was an artistic descendant of Couparin and Rameau. His genius was witty, subtle and emotionally restrained, and he combined a deep-rooted classicism of form with the boldest experiments in harmony. Especially notable and delightful were his rhythmic figures.

M. Ravel's most important works were "Daphnis et Chloe," "La Valse," the remarkable string quartet, many pianoforte works, including "Habanera," "Jeux d'Eaux," "Pavane pour une Infante défunte," "Gadpard de la Nuit," "Tombeau de Couperin," and the popular orchestral "Bolero."—Reuter.

Duchess Of Rutland

SPECIAL TO THE "N.C.D.N."

London, Dec. 28.

Violet, Duchess of Rutland, has died. She was the mother-in-law of Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty. The Duchess, who was an artist, was the author of "Portraits of Men and Women." Her husband, the 8th Duke of Rutland, died in 1925.—Reuter.

Mr. Dan Beddoe

New York, Dec. 28.

Mr. Dan Beddoe, the famous Welsh singer, has died here at the age of 74.—Reuter.

Mr. T. L. Macartney

London, Dec. 28.

Mr. Thomas Lamont Macartney, late of China, has died at Barnes, London.—Reuter.

Mrs. C. N. Law

Edinburgh, Dec. 28.

Mrs. Constance Nellie Law, wife of Mr. Ian S. Law of Villars sur Ollon, Switzerland, and formerly of China, has died here suddenly.—Reuter.

"ANTI-FASCIST FRONT" IN ARABIAN COUNTRIES

Cairo, Dec. 28.

The projected journey to Jedda of the French High Commissioner for Syria, Count de Martel, and the Syrian Premier, Mardan Bey, is believed in well-informed circles here to be connected with the effort to establish an "Anti-Fascist front" in Arab countries to encounter the Italian propaganda.—